

Foran, Barnhart share 9-4A MVP

Kaitlin Foran of Wichita Falls High School and Megan Barnhart of Rider were named Co-Most Valuable Players for the District 9-4A girls soccer season.

Brooke Deason of Rider, who had 20 goals including the playoffs, was the Offensive MVP while Brianne Bates of WFHS was named the Defensive MVP.

Foran scored a team-high 19 goals, while Barnhart had 17 and led Rider in assists.

Tori Shannon of Old High, who stopped a penalty kick in one of her team's two wins over Rider, was named the Goalkeeper of the Year. Teammate Loudell Crumpler, a freshman, was tabbed as Newcomer of the Year and the Lady Coyotes' Rob Woodard was voted Coach of the Year.

For the 9-4A boys, Burkburnett's Ian Peoples was named Offensive MVP, while Rider's Dylan Williams grabbed the Defensive MVP honor. Collin Bowersock of Rider was named Goalkeeper of the Year and his coach, Albaro Lopez, was voted Coach of the Year.

Juan Carlos Hernandez, who led WFHS with seven goals as a freshman, was named Newcomer of the Year.

Peoples, a senior, led Burkburnett with 13 goals.

Bowersock helped Rider scored shut-outs in seven of its 10 district games, all victories.

9-4A ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

BOYS

Coach of the Year: Albarro Lopez-Rider
Goalkeeper of the Year: Collin Bowersock, Sr., Rider

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Offensive MVP: Ian Peoples, Sr., Burkburnett
Defensive MVP: Dylan Williams, Sr., Rider
Newcomer: Juan Carlos Hernandez, Fr., WFHS

FIRST TEAM

GK: Brandon Hohfeld, Sr., WFHS
Defenders: Nick Oechsner, Jr., Rider, Wes Wise, Sr., Burkburnett; Edgar Gardenas, Sr., WFHS; Taylor Martin, Jr., WFHS.
Midfield: Blake Arthur Catney, Sr., Rider; Josh Findlay, Jr., Rider; Danny Franco, Sr., Gainesville; Omar Vera, Fr., WFHS.

Forwards: Joey Neale, Sr., Rider; Jorge Lopez, Jr., WFHS; Keenan Stubblefield, Sr., Burkburnett; Dylan Wood, Jr., Burkburnett.

SECOND TEAM

GK: Brad Deeb, Sr., Burkburnett.
Defenders: Seth Lyons, Jr., Rider; Ryan Mills, Sr., Burkburnett; Dale Smith, Jr., Gainesville; Ricky Gardea, Fr., WFHS.
Midfield: Spencer Riley, Jr., Rider; Kyle Street, Sr., Burkburnett; Everarado Puenta, Fr., Gainesville; Alfredo Ramirez, Sr., WFHS.

Forwards: Justin Nix, Sr., Gainesville; Charles Witherspoon, Jr., Hirschi; Ruben Flores, Fr., Hirschi; Diego Saldano, So., WFHS.

Honorable Mention

WFHS — Nestor Luevano, Jr., D; Saul Montes, Sr., MF; Jared Martinez, Fr., F.

Hirschi — Huy Tran, So., MF; Jose Lugo, Fr., MF; James Norris, Jr., GK.

Rider — Dakota Wingo, Sr., F; Tyler Howard, Jr., D; Patrick Barker, Jr., D.
Burkburnett — Derek Devereaux, Sr., MF; Devin Slayden, Sr., D; Jesse Adair, Jr., MF.

GIRLS

Coach of the Year: Rob Woodard, WFHS.
Newcomer of the Year: Loudell Crumpler, Fr., WFHS.

Co-District MVP: Kaitlin Foran, Jr., WFHS; Megan Barnhart, Sr., Rider.

Offensive MVP: Brooke Deason, So., Rider.
Defensive MVP: Brianne Bates, WFHS.
Goalkeeper of the Year: Tori Shannon, WFHS.



Peoples



Bates



Deason



Foran



Barnhart



Bowersock



Shannon



Crumpler



Lopez



Williams

FIRST TEAM

Forwards — Rob Woodard, WFHS; Abby Watts, Rider; Taylor Moehnke, Rider; Emarie Holland, Burkburnett; Angie Canava, Burkburnett.

Midfielders — Chelsea Mawson, WFHS; Alycia Frech, WFHS; Kaly Braiser, Rider; Ashley Kennedy, Rider; Katy Catney, Rider.

Defenders — Ashley Frech, WFHS; Angie Fookes, WFHS; Madison Holmes, Rider; Katelyn Grassi, Rider; Emily Salas-Groves, Burkburnett.

Goalkeepers — Breanna Wachsmann, WFHS; Reagan Richie, Rider; Kathleen Stewart, Rider.

SECOND TEAM

Forwards — Amber Garcia, WFHS; Michelle Castelli, Rider; Sonia Rodriguez, Burkburnett; Filey Jalowy, Burkburnett; LaQuia Taylor, Hirschi.

Midfielders — Lexi Nelson, WFHS; Shelby Moyer, WFHS; Skylar Fox, Rider; Marissa Stephens, Burkburnett; Jessica Garica, Hirschi.

Defenders — Kelsey Martin, WFHS; Casey Jones, WFHS; Krista Duke, Rider; Veronica Hackbusch, Rider; Heather Zamora, Burkburnett.

Goalkeepers — Ciara Clampitt, Burkburnett; Sahira Monroy, Gainesville; Samantha Forester, Hirschi.

Honorable Mention

WFHS — Sydney Leyva; Stephanie Hernandez; Karina Siu.

Rider — Madison Andrus; Alex Ortiz; Chelsea Wright; Abby Wilkins.

Hirschi — Bailey Matlock; TeoMarie Anderson; Chelsey Matlock.

Burkburnett — Allie Saville; Marina Marroquin; Bri Acheson.



Woodard

De La Hoya retires

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oscar De La Hoya stopped battling himself Tuesday, deciding after much internal turmoil to retire and end a career in which he won 10 world titles in six divisions and became boxing's most popular fighter.

He made his announcement at an outdoor plaza across the street from Staples Center, where a 7-foot bronze statue of the 36-year-old Golden Boy stands.

"I've come to the conclusion that it's over," the East Los Angeles native said before hundreds of fans, including comedian George Lopez and Oscar-nominated actor and former fighter Mickey Rourke. "It's over inside the ring for me."

De La Hoya retired four months after he was thoroughly beaten by Manny Pacquiao, his fourth loss in his last seven fights. He has not defeated a formidable opponent since Fernando Vargas in 2002. Age and diminished skills led to losses in recent years to Felix Trinidad, Shane Mosley, Bernard Hopkins and Floyd Mayweather Jr.

He won his last title in May 2006, beating Ricardo Mayorga in six rounds for the WBC 154-pound belt. He finished with a record of 39-6 and 30 knockouts.

Curry succeeding at Easter Bowl

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Chase Curry of Wichita Falls won two matches on Tuesday to advance to the round of 32 at the prestigious Easter Bowl junior tennis tournament.

It's been a successful season for the Rider sophomore.

He made the semifinals two weeks ago at an International Tennis Federation event in College Station. He was granted a wild card to get into the event and then went on an upset binge. He eliminated the No. 8 and No. 11 seeds before succumbing to the No. 6 seed in the semis.

The Easter Bowl is one of four Grand Slam tournaments for juniors on the national level.

The ITF tournaments are a springboard to getting to play in the Junior events of the U.S. Open, French Open, Australian Open and Wimbledon.

BRIEFLY

Thomas takes over at Fla. International

MIAMI (AP) — While growing up in Serbia, Florida International forward Nikola Gacsa often heard his father talk about the way Isiah Thomas played basketball.

Gacsa will soon have his own stories to tell: Thomas is back in coaching, accepting an offer from FIU to revive his career and their program.

Ending a whirlwind courtship, Thomas and FIU agreed on a five-year contract Tuesday — an out-of-nowhere deal that gives the former Knicks coach and president a chance to restore the reputation he built as a Hall of Fame player and tarnished through a series of embarrassments in New York.

"I'm committed to growing something here, and strongly believe that over time, we'll put a team on the floor that everyone at FIU can be proud of," Thomas said.

Islanders win draft lottery, No. 1 pick

NEW YORK (AP) — The final result of the New York Islanders' worst season in nine years is the opportunity for them to land a player who just might be able to turnaround the beleaguered franchise.

The Islanders, worst in the NHL this year, won the draft lottery and the No. 1 overall pick on Tuesday night, giving them the right to take one of two highly touted prospects — forward John Tavares and Swedish defenseman Victor Hedman.

Obama supports U.S. World Cup bid

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. President Barack Obama wrote a letter to FIFA president Sepp Blatter supporting the American bid to host the World Cup in 2018 or 2022.

"As a child, I played soccer on a dirt road in Jakarta, and the game brought the children of my neighborhood together," Obama said, according to excerpts released Tuesday by the U.S. Soccer Federation.

Raiders sit in second; WFHS 4th

THACKERVILLE, Okla. — The Rider boys golf team positioned itself for a run at a third-straight District 5-4A title, ending the first day of tournament play in second place at the Win Star Golf Course.

Rider's Adam Craft stood atop the leaderboard, shooting a 73 on the day that included eight pars and one birdie during the back nine.

Wichita Falls High School (332) sat just outside the top three spots in fourth place.

5-4A BOYS GOLF

Lake Dallas (315) and Denton High (331) rounded out first and third place, respectively.

"We just need to play smart and eliminate some of our mistakes," Rider coach Todd Finkler said. "I know we're playing hard and hoping for the best."

Jayson Hand paced WFHS with an 82. Teammates Zach Green and John Medders followed closely, each with

an 83.

The top four teams will all tee off at 10 a.m. today.

DISTRICT 5-4A RESULTS

THACKERVILLE, Okla. — Results from the District 5-4A golf tournament at Win Star Golf Course.
Team Results — 1. Lake Dallas 315; 2. Rider 230; 3. Denton 331; 4. WFHS 332; 8. Rider B 350; 13. WFHS B 414
Top individuals — 1. Adam Craft, Rider, 73; 2. Avery Goff, Little Elm, 74; 3. Mason, Denton Guyer, 75
Other WFHS Results — Jayson Hand 82; Zach Green 83, John Medders 83; C.J. Miles 84, Luke Canan 85;
Other Rider Results — Dakota Robbins 81; Taylor LeFlower 86, Taylor Durham 83, Cody Klasse 83; Zac Carpenter 85; Chris Lee 89, Cameron Berg 90, Ryan Wells 86, Daniel Bubose 96

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Lady Raiders stroll to 13-0 road victory

DENTON, Texas — Rider wasted no time taking care of Denton on Tuesday as the Lady Raiders plated six runs in the first en route to a 13-0 run-rule victory.

Sammy Hislop (12-11) allowed two hits in a four-inning complete game.

Hislop also was 2-for-3 with one run and two RBIs at the plate. Teammate Lindsay Sheppard matched Hislop at the dish as both had a single and a double.

Shelby Bergeron took the loss on the mound, but led Denton at the plate with a single and a double.

Rider improved to 15-14 overall and 4-7 in District 5-4A, keeping its playoff hopes alive.

"I thought the girls all came out and played well and everyone contributed," Lady Raiders coach Alisha Franklin said. "It was a big win and we need to get three more to continue our push for the playoffs."

Rider plays host to Lake Dallas at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Lady Knights cruise to 14-2 win

SHERMAN, Texas — The Notre Dame Lady Knights clinched the TAPPS District 1-A championship Tuesday night with a 14-2 five inning win over Texoma Christian Academy.

Notre Dame improved to a perfect 7-0 and will look to finish off the district sweep with a 4:30 p.m. matchup with Denton Calvary Thursday.

Catherine Ozier (10-2) got the win on the mound and helped her own cause with three hits, two doubles and four RBIs.

Lady Bulldogs blank Decatur, 10-0

BURKBURNETT — Brenna Hennan and the Burkburnett Lady Bulldogs won their 20th game on Tuesday, shutting out Decatur, 10-0, in five innings.

Hennan allowed only three hits. She struck out nine and walked no one.

Kalea Correll smashed a home run, Dalin Dehart had a triple and Kassie Bruggmann doubled for the Burkburnett offense. Kendra Anderson and Etta Forrestal were both 2-for-3.

"Brenna pitched another great game and Emily Jones made an outstanding play," Burkburnett coach Allen Hennan said.

Weary's 3-run 2B gives MSU a sweep

Sarah Weary's bases-loaded double scored three happy teammates and keyed a four-run third inning Tuesday, lifting Midwestern State to a doubleheader sweep as the Mustangs doubled up Northeastern State 6-3 in Game 2 Tuesday afternoon at Mustangs Park.

The Mustangs, who have now won six of their last seven games, improved to 29-15 on the season and 13-9 in the Lone Star Conference North Division.

MSU closes its regular portion of the schedule when it plays host to Oklahoma Panhandle State for Senior Day Thursday afternoon at Mustangs Park. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

Brittney Tanner (13-7) struck out a career-high 11 to get the win.

Katie Petersen took a perfect game into the sixth inning, but settled for a two-hit shutout to help MSU win the opener, 6-0. Petersen (14-6) posted her third shutout.

The Colony edges Rider, 4-2

Four costly errors proved to be the difference Tuesday night as the Rider Raiders dropped a 4-2 decision to The Colony in District 5-4A action.

"We just made too many errors in that one inning," Rider coach Scot Green said.

Trailing 2-0, The Colony took advantage of the defensive lapse, scoring all four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Matt Wolf (6-4) took the loss for the Raiders who even their district record at 5-5.

Teammate Cameron Allen led the offense going 2-for-4 from the plate, while Landon Little notched also notched a hit.

Decatur scores early, shuts down Burk

BURKBURNETT — Decatur put three runs on the board in the first inning Tuesday night, and the Burkburnett Bulldogs were in chase mode the rest of the night.

And they never caught up to Eagles pitcher Jake Connolly, who made the early support stand up with a four-hit shutout at Henderson Field.

Zach Moehnke took the loss for Burkburnett (12-13, 3-4).

Brennan Moore led Decatur's 11-hit attack with two doubles and a single in four trips. Canon Cornelius and Zach Robertson each went 2-for-3 for Burk.

Vernon edges Iowa Park, 4-2

VERNON — The Vernon Lions scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning on their way to a 4-2 victory over the Iowa Park Hawks Tuesday night.

Vernon improves to 6-1 in District 5-3A while Iowa Park falls to 2-5.

Ryan Smith (4-3) took the win for the Lions, and helped his own cause going 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Glavine may be forced to retire

ATLANTA (AP) — Tom Glavine may retire if his sore left shoulder doesn't improve in two weeks.

Glavine was told Tuesday he must rest for at least two weeks after inflammation was found in his left rotator cuff. The 43-year-old had an MRI and was examined by Dr. James Andrews, who advised treatment and rest.

Glavine said he's tired of rehabbing after elbow and shoulder surgery last August. He's willing to give the shoulder two weeks, but not much longer.

"I'm willing to put in a little more time but I'm not willing to put in another six weeks or eight weeks because by then, you know what, I'm going to have to start all over again and I'm not interested in doing that," he said.

Glavine joined the Braves at Turner Field on Tuesday night following the examination in Birmingham, Ala.

Huskies lose bid for district win in 7th

J. Scott Russell
Times Record News

When the Hirschi Huskies scored a pair of insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, it appeared that good fortune was going to fall on the hard-luck team.

Instead of good fortune, however, almost everything but the Bridgeport bus fell on them.

The Bulls scored 12 times

in the top of the seventh on nine hits and seven Husky errors to take an 18-9 win and avoid a big upset in the District 5-3A standings.

The Huskies fall to 2-15 with the loss and 0-7 in district. They have currently lost 48 straight district games. The Bulls are now 13-8 and 4-3.

"We played great for six innings. Unfortunately, a game is seven innings,"

Hirschi coach Brady Donart said. "The kids haven't been in that situation a lot where we had to close out a game. We let the situation get the best of us.

"We played real well. We pitched real well, played good defense and had timely hitting — all the stuff we've needed to do in previous games. We really came through except for the last inning."

Things didn't start well for the Huskies as they gave up three in the top of the first. But Joe Barron's three-run homer in the bottom of the frame tied it up.

Bridgeport got a solo homer from Blake Waldrop in the top of the fourth and the Bulls would tack on two more to go up 6-3.

But the Huskies were equal to the task as Terry

Fields, Ruben Galvez and Alejo Cerno all singled to get things started and the top of the order drove them in — as well as Miguel Jaime — to score four times and make it 7-6 Huskies.

The Bulls were held in check in the fifth and sixth, but Hirschi scored twice to take a three-run lead.

Jaime tripled with one out and Barron was intentionally walked before

Richard Evans reached on an error to bring in one run. Arturo Cerna's single brought in the second run.

Things got ugly in the seventh and never improved as the Bulls sent 16 to the plate before Barron could put out the fire in relief of Jaime (1-5).

Collin White, the fourth pitcher for the Bulls, improves to 4-1 with the win.