

Major League Playoffs

12-year old helps N.Y. win game 1

Braves and Yankees move one step closer to the World Series.

NEW YORK (AP) — Twelve-year-old Jeff Maier skipped school to attend the first game of the American League championship series between the New York Yankees and Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium.

Little did he know he would make the game's biggest play.

Maier reached over the rightfield wall and took a Derek Jeter fly ball away from Baltimore's Tony Tarasco in the eighth inning. The hit was ruled a home run by umpire Rich Garcia and tied the game at four. New York won 5-4 on a solo shot by Bernie Williams in the bottom of the 11th.

"I feel bad for the Baltimore fans," Maier said, "but as a Yankee fan, if I helped the team, I feel pretty good." Garcia's call ignited a heated argument, which ended with the ejection of Orioles' Manager Davey Johnson.

In the first game of the National League championship series, the Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 on a Javier Lopez two-run single in the eighth inning at Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta. Atlanta's John Smoltz improved his lifetime record in the postseason to 7-1.

Both series will resume today.

NU golfers place seventh in tournament

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Sophomore Steve Friesen won his second-straight individual title, helping the Nebraska men's golf team to a seventh-place finish in the Woodlands Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Woodlands, Texas.

Friesen shot a two-under-par 70 over the last 18 holes at the Tournament Players Course to win the title by one stroke over Tim Carlson of Rice. Friesen finished with a 54-hole total of 220.

Nebraska stood in ninth place after the first day but rebounded with a final-day 302 and a total score of 919 to finish seventh, 20 strokes behind champion South Alabama.

Also placing for the Huskers were sophomore Scott Gutschewski in 23rd at 231 and seniors Jacques Paiement and Trent Morrison in 45th at 235. One of the Huskers' top golfers, sophomore Josh Madden, withdrew after shooting a 78 in the second round.

NU finishes its fall season on Oct. 15 and 16, when it travels to Memphis, Tenn., for the Kroger Intercollegiate.

Nebraska's freshmen mature more quickly

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Benning and Green, said he knew he had to be prepared because I-backs at Nebraska are always prone to injuries.

Evans has been surprised by the twist of fate that has occurred over the past 20 days. After not being given a chance to contribute in Nebraska's 19-0 loss to Arizona State, he relieved Green last Saturday against Kansas State, rushing for 168 yards.

"Three weeks ago, I was watching us lose 19-0, and I didn't even get a snap," Evans said. "Now people are wondering if I will start. You've just got to be ready when you are called upon. When I was given my chance I just took advantage of it."

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said the Huskers' two straight national championships have helped NU recruit top-of-the-line athletes with the ability to play immediately.

The championship aftermath has also helped to counteract recent NCAA cutbacks that have limited the number of scholarships on a Division-I football team to 85.

True freshmen defensive tackle Steve Warren, cornerback Mike Brown and split end J.R. Edwards have also played this season.

"Maybe 10 years ago we would have three or four guys that I would say were of unusual quality," Osborne said. "Now maybe we have five or six that have the capability to come in here and play as a true freshman."

Reedy praises Huskers

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Baylor's defense is ranked 98th in the nation against the rush, allowing 227.3 yards per game.

"We are not looking forward to what is facing us as far as their running game," Reedy said. "They do a great job with their running game, and we have to get a lot better defensively against the run this weekend."

Reedy, who is 22-16 in four years at Baylor, said his team brings a lot of confidence into the game against the fifth-ranked Cornhuskers.

"Young guys bounce back a lot quicker than us older fellas," he said, "so we will be a confident

team," Reedy said. "We're playing what I think is the best team in America, and it's going to be a tremendous challenge."

"You have to go into to a game like this thinking you can win."

A victory, he said, would jumpstart the Bears, much like Arizona State's Sept 21 win over NU did.

"Without question, this is the best football team we've faced since I've been at Baylor," said Reedy, who was the Bears offensive coordinator from 1990 through 1992 before becoming the head coach in 1993. "Both sides of the ball, they are very impressive. And their defense is about as impressive as any I can ever remember seeing."

Saunders is double trouble

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Cornhusker tradition was a big part of her decision, she said, but being close was also a factor.

"The tradition of Husker volleyball made my final decision a lot easier," Saunders said. "Being close to home means my parents can come and watch me play."

Saunders has made her parents and the whole state of Nebraska proud. Last season, she was part of the national championship volleyball team and this year she has made a big impact.

"Last year, she came in and played a significant role," Pettit said. "She has been rock solid, and I want her on the court as much as we can possibly get her on the court."

Even though Saunders is primarily a defensive player, she said she likes to play up front.

She got her chance last Friday against Iowa State when the 5-foot-11 outside hitter recorded seven kills and hit .308.

"I love playing front row because one of my favorite parts of the game is blocking," Saunders said. "I like back row better, though. I like to dig people's hits, and I don't like it when they dig mine."

Husker opponents have seen Saunders dig a lot of hits this season. She is averaging just under two digs per game and will probably be digging a lot more balls as she continues to get more comfortable with the system, Pettit said.

"Last year, I was intimidated with all of the people watching and the reputation that I had to live up to," Saunders said. "I am more comfortable now that I have been here a year and I know the ropes."

Saunders will now take her Husker experience to the basketball court, where she will once again be considered a freshman. She made the transition for four years in high school, but she knows college is a whole new ball game.

She will play the remainder of the volleyball season, which could last until mid-December, before joining the basketball team.

"I know it will be tough and it will take a lot of time," Saunders said. "It is a mind-set switch, if I can do it and just think about playing basketball, then it will be smooth."

So the question is obvious: Which sport does Saunders like better?

"It is a toss up," Saunders said. "Right now I like volleyball better because I am playing volleyball. Basketball is convenient because I can play it at any time."

International Affairs Fall Events for International Students

Missouri Valley Farm Tour: See livestock and crops native to this area on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 1pm to 6pm for \$5.
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Saturday, October 12th is your chance to be "Royalty for a Day!" At our Tailgate Party with The Blaze from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., sign up to win a limousine ride for an hour around the city of Lincoln before the game! Also, UNL Cheerleaders will be at the Sports Bar to help us cheer on the Huskers from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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