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Saturday, March 14, 2015

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ON TV

AUTO RACING
11:30 a.m.

FS1 — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Camping-World.com 500, at Avondale, Ariz.

GOLF
1 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, Valspar Championship, third round, at Palm Harbor, Fla.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11 a.m.

ESPN2 — America East Conference, championship, Stony Brook at Albany

1 p.m.

CBS — Big Ten Conference, doubleheader, semifinals, Wisconsin-Michigan winner vs. Purdue-Penn St. winner, at Chicago

3 p.m.

ESPN — Southeastern Conference, semifinal, Kentucky-Florida winner vs. LSU-Auburn winner, at Nashville, Tenn.

8 p.m.

FS1 — Big East Conference, championship, Villanova-Providence winner vs. Georgetown vs. Xavier winner, at New York

8:30 p.m.

ESPN — Atlantic Coast Conference, championship, Virginia-North Carolina winner vs. Duke-Notre Dame winner, at Greensboro, N.C.

11 p.m.

ESPN — Pac-12 Conference, championship, Arizona-UC-LA winner vs. Oregon-Utah winner, at Las Vegas

NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.

NBCSN — Montreal at N.Y. Islanders

LOCAL GAMES

GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT at Charleston Civic Center

CLASS A

Wheeling Central vs. St. Joseph, noon

CLASS AA

Fairmont Senior vs. Sissonville, 2:30 p.m.

CLASS AAA

Morgantown vs. Parkersburg South, 7:15 p.m.

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Photo by Stephen Santilli

From left: Phil Chafin, Alex DeMary, Noah Bohanna and Jordan Miller will help kick off the boys state tournament next week as Notre Dame, seeded sixth, will take on No. 3 Magnolia at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Charleston Civic Center.

Irish get No. 6 seed

Notre Dame faces Magnolia in first game of tournament

From Staff reports

CLARKSBURG — Notre Dame will play in the first game of the boys state tournament next week at the Charleston Civic Center.

The Fighting Irish, seeded No. 6, will take on No. 3 Magnolia (20-5) at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Notre Dame (17-7) earned its third straight trip to the state tournament by winning a Region II co-final against Pocahontas County, 84-62, on Thursday. Tucker County (18-

6), which defeated Moorefield in the other Region II game, will be the No. 7 seed next week and face No. 2 Greater Beckley Christian (21-3) at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Wheeling Central (22-3) earned the No. 1 seed and will face No. 8 Charleston Catholic (15-8) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in a rematch of last year's Class A state championship game in which the Maroon Knights won.

The Class A quarterfinal session will end on Wednesday with No. 4 Tug Valley (18-

5) facing No. 5 Williamstown (22-3) at 9 p.m.

The clash between the Fighting Irish and Blue Eagles could potentially have a lot of casual interest despite the early tip-off time as it features a matchup of two of the best point guards in the state in Jarrod West for Notre Dame and Preston Boswell for Magnolia.

The winner of the Notre Dame-Magnolia game will face either Greater Beckley Christian or Tucker County in the semifinals at 9:30 a.m. next Friday.

The Class A state championship game will be played at noon next Saturday.

The Stoller Bears

Fairmont Senior routs Lincoln to earn spot in Class AA title game

by Randall Jett
SPORTS WRITER

CHARLESTON — In its first 10 trips down the floor Friday in the girls Class AA semifinals of the state basketball tournament, Lincoln turned the ball over seven times and missed three shots on their remaining three possessions — a recipe for disaster no matter how you slice it.

That was all the help Fairmont Senior needed to get rolling and cruise to a 65-35 victory and a berth in today's title game.

With the shaky start, the Cougars found themselves in an early 16-0 hole to the Polar Bears that they never dug their way out of.

Fairmont Senior (24-2) plays on, mainly because of the early shooting prowess of Emily Stoller and Erica Bowles and strong defense led by Ty Horton and Abby Stoller.

"I'm very proud of these ladies," FS coach Corey Hines said. "They put it out there today. We came in from a tough game (Thursday) to being really focused today, and we jumped on them real early. That was part of the game plan, and they executed it to a T. They did an excellent job."

Bowles opened the game with a 3-pointer just seven seconds in, and Stoller scored the next seven on a mid-range jumper, a trey and a driving layup through the middle of the Cougars' defense.

In all, Stoller hit four treys in the first quarter, scoring 16 of her 22 points in the first quarter alone.



Photo by Kyle Jenkins

Fairmont Senior's Emily Stoller scored 16 of her 22 points in the first quarter Friday setting the tone for a 65-35 win by the Polar Bears against Lincoln in the Class AA semifinals.

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Bob Hertzelt



Sports Columnist

A job fair, NFL style

MORGANTOWN — They held a job fair at West Virginia University on Friday.

Figures, graduation coming up in May and a lot of students being turned loose on the world.

Recruiters from across the country came in, testing upcoming graduates for future employment.

Maybe you remember your job interviews, how you put on that three-piece suit you hadn't worn since your sister's wedding when you were a freshman, how you shined your shoes and got your hair cut neatly.

These job-seekers dressed down, however.

T-shirts, shorts and some nifty gold or white or green track shoes was the dress of the day, required by those companies in Pittsburgh and San Francisco and New York and Cleveland who would have representatives for companies known as the Steelers and the 49ers and the Giants and the Browns and who knows who else.

This was Pro Day and the future of NFL hopefuls was on the line.

Take Quinton Spain, a 6-foot-4, 330-pound offensive lineman. He came to WVU thinking the NFL was in his future but then, when he wasn't invited to the NFL Combine, he was hurt and worried. While Kevin White, a teammate who is secure as a first-round pick, could approach this day knowing he would get his job offer, Spain had to go out and earn it.

"I had a chip on my shoulder," Spain said. "I was upset about the Combine, but you got to do what you got to do. I had to come out and prove they made a mistake."

And he went about the best way he could. He was in shape, as good a shape from working out in Orlando as he has been, and when they clocked him at 40 yards he carried that 330 pounds to the finish line in less than 5 seconds.

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Quick impressions made on Pro Day

by Bob Hertzelt
FOR THE EXPONENT TELEGRAM

MORGANTOWN — As quickly as you can read what's written right here before your eye ...

That quick. That's how fast Mario Alford ran 40 yards on Pro Day Friday at West Virginia's Caperton Indoor Facility.

His time? 4.2 seconds. Yes, 4.2.

OK, that wasn't the official time.

That was what they clocked him running on his third effort.

His official time was the 4.28 he put on the board in his first run, the one that had scouts and general managers and agents looking at each other, wondering if that really was right.

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Photo by Stephen Santilli

Former WVU receiver Mario Alford ran an official time of 4.28 Friday on Pro Day in Morgantown at the Caperton Indoor Facility.

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