Report: Huskers in turmoil

Tribune news services

Without a head coach for two weeks, Nebraska players met behind closed doors. Omaha television station KETV, citing two anonymous sources close to the football program, said the secrecy of the search for a successor to Frank Solich led the team on Monday to discuss the possibility of not practicing, and even a potential boycott of the Dec. 29 Alamo Bowl against Michigan State.

More than 20 players indicated they would leave Nebraska if interim head coach Bo Pelini is not named head coach, the television station said.

Players declined to comment after the meeting and they were not allowed to talk to reporters Tuesday. Pelini, who said he came in at the end of the meeting, said reports of unrest are "absurd."

"We talked things out," Pelini said.

"I'm proud of the way they're handling the situation," he said. "There are no issues."

- Danny Wimprine threw for 254 yards and a touchdown and ran for another TD as Memphis (9-3) defeated North Texas State 27-17 in the New Orleans Bowl, opener of the bowl season.

- Michigan Tech will play Grand Valley State at Michigan Stadium next year in hopes of breaking the Division II attendance record. The current record of 61,143 was set on Sept. 29, 1979, when Shippensburg beat Slippery Rock 45-14 at Michigan Stadium.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Tech, Grand Valley play on grand stage: The Big House

They're calling it the "Bash at the Big House," the first small-college football game at Michigan Stadium in 23 years.

Host Michigan Tech and two-time defending NCAA champion Grand Valley State will attempt to break the Division II attendance record on Nov. 6.

Tech, which nearly killed its football program this year for budgetary reasons, will pay U-M $30,000 for use of the stadium, but expects to make at least $250,000 from the game in Ann Arbor.

Tech coach Bernie Anderson has worked with Lloyd Carr at Michigan's football camp through the years, and Carr pledged to help Tech keep its football team.

"While this isn't something that we'll do on a regular basis, we wanted to support both Michigan Tech and Grand Valley State and work with Michigan Tech in making this happen," U-M athletic director Bill Martin said.

The Lakers -- who won their second straight national title Saturday and will be a favorite to three-peat next season -- gave up a scheduled home game with Tech on Nov. 6, the regular-season finale for both. Tech will play at Grand Valley in 2005.

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One other game not involving the Wolverines has been played at Michigan Stadium, when Wayne State beat Slippery Rock, 14-13, in front of 36,719 on Sept. 12, 1981.

Michigan Tech-Grand Valley tickets are expected to cost $15, well below the $48 it costs to see the Wolverines play. It hasn't been determined when they will go on sale.

By George Sipple
Detroit Free Press

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Sports today

TWO CENT$ WORTH

* Detroitlions.com reports Matt Millen apologized again Monday for "reportedly" calling Johnnie Morton an insensitive name. "Reportedly," as if maybe it really didn't happen? If it didn't, apologizing once probably would have been enough.

* That Bash at the Big House -- an attempt to set a Division II attendance record -- is a nice gesture on Michigan's part. Maybe Grand Valley and Michigan Tech could pay the Wolverines back by volunteering for their nonconference schedule.

LONG-TIMER

The Dallas Mavericks' 111-94 victory over Toronto on Monday night was coach Don Nelson's 1,111th in 26 NBA seasons, moving him past Pat Riley -- currently between jobs -- into the No. 2 spot on the all-time list.

Despite that lofty niche -- only Lenny Wilkens, also currently idle, has more victories, with 1,292 -- Nelson says it's no big deal on his part.

"There are a lot of great coaches in this league around the 60-percent winning level," said Nelson, who's 19th on the list with a .570 winning percentage. "Anybody around that level is a great coach and that's not me. I'm a good coach who's had a lot of longevity."

NEW GIGS

* Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens said he's taking a leave of absence from riding in mid-January so he won't risk injury while he pursues his acting career. He was bitten by the acting bug when he appeared in last summer's "Seabiscuit." As a jockey, Stevens said he's close to a deal for a new project he declined to identify: "There's some really, really neat stuff going on.

"I've got other priorities right now besides horse racing. It's a lot safer behind a camera than it is on top of a horse."

* Ben Affleck, meanwhile, is taking a leave of absence from acting Feb. 15 to serve as grand marshal at NASCAR's Daytona 500. Last year, John Travolta played the role.

BOTTOM LINE

* Orlando Magic vice president Pat Williams, on why teams like the Lions (23 straight losses) and Cleveland Cavaliers (34 straight) have so much trouble winning on the road: "They're just not very good."

* Tiger Woods, asked by ABC's Mike Tirico and Curtis Strange whether they would be invited to his wedding: "Are you media?" Put him down for a no.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY REPORT
Big Turnaround In Anchorage

By MARK SCHEERER

A thaw has begun in Alaska.

Alaska Anchorage's team shivered through a season of futility in 2002-3, winning only one game over all and none in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, finishing 1-28-7.

"To say that last year was a debacle would be putting it mildly," John Hill, the third-year coach, said. "It was tough on all of us."

This season the Seawolves headed into a nearly month-long holiday break at .500 and fresh off a startling sweep of Colorado College, the league's defending regular-season champion. Alaska Anchorage defeated the visiting Tigers last weekend by scores of 5-2 and 3-1.

"Saturday they probably deserved to win," Hill said of Colorado College. "They outshot us, two to one. Kevin Reiter, our goalie, was just outstanding and certainly the difference in the game.

"We got down Friday night, 2-zip, and a year ago, if we'd gotten down, 2-zip, the game would have been over."

Granted, Colorado College has lost its top three scorers from last season, including the Hobey Baker award winner Peter Sejna, but the Tigers had been performing well in the W.C.H.A. with victories over Denver and St. Cloud State and two ties against red-hot Wisconsin.

The Seawolves (7-7-2, 4-6-2), who have won three straight games, are tied for sixth place in the conference with Colorado College (9-4-3, 4-4-2). They have beaten the defending N.C.A.A. champion, Minnesota, and tied Denver and St. Cloud State.

When they return to play on Jan. 9, they will visit No. 1 North Dakota (11-2, 7-1).

"I know that there's still a lot of hockey to play," Hill said. "But I think that we can compete with any team in our league right now, and certainly, a year ago, this wasn't the case."

Hill, a 1988 graduate of Alaska Anchorage, rotates two senior goaltenders, Reiter and Chris King, who he believes make up the best goaltending tandem in the league.

"Our young players, our freshmen, got to play quite a bit, and I think they developed confidence," Hill said. "We had Chris Fournier sitting out as a transfer from North Dakota, and he was practicing with us, and I know that our young guys knew that he was going to be a big help."

Fournier is the team's second-leading scorer with 6 goals and 10 assists, behind his fellow sophomore Curtis Glenncross (nine goals, nine assists).

Asked if he had any advice for Coach Kevin Sneddon of Vermont (0-11-2, 0-6 Hockey East), the only Division I team without a victory this season, Hill said: "He's going to get through it. You find out a lot about the people around you. Stick with the young kids in his program that he feels are going to be at the core of the future. Play them, stick by them. And just know that it's going to pass."

W.C.H.A.
Power in Play in Wisconsin

Wisconsin has been playing well during a team-record tying 14-game unbeaten streak, but few would have expected the Badgers to take 4 points from Minnesota State on the same night. It happened after the lights went out at Kohl Center in Madison, Wis., with 5 minutes 8 seconds remaining in Friday night's game. That forced the game to be completed on Saturday night, before the
start of the second game of the weekend series.

On Friday, Wisconsin (11-3-4, 6-2-4 W.C.H.A.) was leading, 3-1, when the Badgers' Nick Licari and Minnesota State's Nate Metcalf started an altercation. The lights suddenly went out in the 14,385-seat arena. When backup generators kicked in 20 seconds later, the two players were still grappling.

The power failure was traced to a malfunction in a substation adjacent to the Kohl Center. Full power could not be restored, and the decision was made to finish the game the next night.

On Saturday, Wisconsin added a goal to win, 4-1, then took the regularly scheduled game, 3-2. The visiting Mavericks (3-9-2, 2-7-1) had their own brownout, failing to score on 14 power plays over the two games.

Slap Shots

NORTHERN MICHIGAN -- Bragging rights on Michigan's Upper Peninsula went to Northern Michigan, along with the Ramada Cup, for winning the four-game season series against its neighboring rival Michigan Tech. The Wildcats of Marquette tied the Huskies, 3-3, in Houghton on Friday night, then returned home to shut out Tech, 2-0, on Saturday. The teams had split their two games in October.

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS -- Minnesota plays host to the only holiday tournament this weekend; the rest are scheduled for the weekend between Christmas and New Year's Eve. The Dodge Holiday Classic pits the Golden Gophers against Princeton and Miami of Ohio versus New Hampshire in the first round Friday, with the winners advancing to the final on Saturday night.

WORLD JUNIORS -- Jeff Tambellini (Port Moody, British Columbia), a Michigan sophomore, is the only player from a United States college to be named to Canada's world junior selection camp in advance of the world junior championships to be played in Finland Dec. 26 to Jan. 6. In contrast, the United States national junior team, which has already been selected, includes 16 players who are attending N.C.A.A. colleges and universities.
SPORTS IN BRIEF

Windsor Star News Services

Williams shooting

The man accused of killing the half-sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams pleaded not guilty Tuesday in Compton, Calif. A Jan. 15 pretrial hearing was scheduled for Aaron Michael Hammer. He could face life in prison if convicted of murdering Yetunde Price, 31, who was shot in September.

Herta to return

Bryan Herta will return to Andretti Green Racing as the team's fourth driver for the 2004 IRL season. Herta started 11 races this year in place of the injured Dario Franchitti. Herta is a veteran of the CART series, with 22 top-five finishes and wins at Laguna Seca in 1998 and 1999.

Daytona 500 grand marshall

Ben Affleck will be the grand marshal at the Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Fla. The actor will begin the Feb. 15 race with the traditional command to the 43-car field: "Gentlemen, start your engines."

Cross-country skiing

Norwegians dominated World Cup cross-country sprints Tuesday in Passo Di Lavaze, Italy, with victories by Jens Arne Svartedal and Marit Bjoergen. Bjoergen took the women's 1,500-metre event, beating Sweden's Anna Dahlberg, Germany's Manuela Henkel and Finland's Kirs Vaelimaa in the four-women final. World Cup leader Valentina Schevchenko of Ukraine did not start but held first place overall. Beckie Scott of Vermillion, Alta., placed ninth.

World Cup slalom

Sweden's Anja Paerson won a slalom event Tuesday for her fourth World Cup victory this season. Paerson covered the two runs in one minute, 40.68 seconds in Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy. Britt Janyk of Whistler, B.C. and Emily Brydon of Fernie, B.C., failed to finish the second run. Allison Forsyth of Nanaimo, B.C., did not finish the first run.

Ski slope named

Hermann Maier's home town named a ski slope after the triple World Cup winner Tuesday. A challenging hill on the Griesenkar mountain in Flachau, Austria, was dubbed the Hermann Maier World Cup Slope leading toward World Cup races there in January. Maier has yet to win a race in his hometown, but the double Olympic champion is convinced he can do so this time.

Big House bash

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Basketball player shot

A bullet was discovered lodged in the armpit of a Colorado basketball player more than 24 hours after shots were fired at a party he attended in Boulder, Colo., the Rocky Mountain News reported Tuesday. Chris Cope land, 19, was hit by a ricochet when gunmen fired about 15 shots at a party early Sunday, head coach Ricardo Patton told the newspaper.

Arsenal victorious

Arsenal ended West Bromwich Albion's giant-kill ing run in the League Cup with a 2-0 quarter-final victory at the Hawthorns Tuesday. Nwankwo Kanu fired the Gunners ahead after 25 minutes and Jeremie Aliadiere
capitalized on a rare blunder by Albion goalkeeper Russell Hoult for the second in the 56th minute against a West Brom team that had knocked out Newcastle and Manchester United.

Armstrong voted No. 1

Lance Armstrong is the kids' choice. The cycling great was chosen by readers of Sports Illustrated For Kids as the athlete of the year, edging Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Ebersol signs nine-year deal

NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol signed a nine-year contract to stay at the network through 2012. The agreement, announced Tuesday, keeps Ebersol in place through the next five Olympics.

Yukon Quest

Thirty-five mushers, including two-time defending champ Hans Gatt of Atlin, are up for the 1,600-km Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race Feb. 14 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

GRAPHIC: CRICKET CAPTAIN: Sri Lankan captain Hashan Thillakaratne plays a shot Tuesday during a practice session at the Singhalese Sports Club in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka will play the third cricket test match against England Thursday. AP photo: Marit Bjoergen
Michigan Tech & Grand Valley to play at Michigan Stadium

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"It'll be an opportunity for football fans to see a game in Michigan's Big House, be part of a historic, record-setting crowd and see a great college game," **Michigan Tech** coach Bernie Anderson said. "And who knows, the game could be for the conference championship."

The two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic conference teams will play Nov. 6, during the final weekend of the regular season for Division II teams. Grand Valley State has won the past two Division II titles and has advanced to the championship game three straight seasons.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said the stadium's artificial surface makes it possible for more than one team to play there.

"I am happy we're doing it," Carr said Monday. "I think it will be great, particularly, for college football in this state."

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MSOE sweeps Northland

NEWS SERVICE REPORTS ASHLAND

James Shipley had a goal and three assists and Nick Bilpush scored twice as the Milwaukee School of Engineering defeated Northland College 8-4 in a college hockey game Saturday night.

Milwaukee, which won 7-5 on Friday, swept the Midwestern College Hockey Association series to improve to 5-8 overall and 5-3 in the conference.

Aaron Wallace had a goal and two assists and Justin Grant 34 saves for the Lumberjacks (2-11, 2-6).

MSOE 1-4-3--8
Northland College 1-2-1--4

First period -- 1. MS, Michael Duta (Luke Hasbargen, Nick Bellaba), 8:19 (pp); 2. NC, Felix Berglund (Ryan Potts, Winston Bothner), 17:31 (pp).

Second period -- 3. NC, Aaron Wallace (Ryan Becker, Nate LaPoint), 5:56; 4. NC, Victor Appelqvist (Becker, Wallace), 7:16 (pp); 5. MS, James Shipley (Rob Kaufman, Luke Hasbargen), 12:20; 6. MS, Joe Swanson (Jason Martin), 13:03; 7. MS, Kaufman (Martin, Shipley), 14:39; 8. MS, Jake Basten (Shipley), 19:54 (pp). Third period -- 9. MS, Nick Bilpush (Duta, Joe Crowsers), 6:05; 10. MS, Nick Bilpush (Bellaba, Shipley), 7:45 (pp); 11. MS, Swanson (David Yola, Bilpush), 14:57 (pp); 12. NC, Eric Lehrke (Aaron Wallace), 17:41 (pp).

Saves -- Matt Burzon, MS, 40; Justin Grant, NC, 34.

ALASKA ANCHORAGE 3, COLORADO COLLEGE 1

Justin Bourne scored the game-winner with 6:30 to play Saturday night as Alaska Anchorage completed a home sweep of No. 4-ranked Colorado College.

After a scoreless first period, Anchorage (7-7-2, 4-6-2 WCHA) opened the scoring at 6:41 of the second period when John Hopson took a backhanded shot for a rebound goal.

The Seawolves killed four minutes of penalty time in the second and held their lead despite only five shots on goal, while Colorado College (9-4-3, 4-4-2 WCHA) had 15.

In the third, the Tigers picked up the equalizer on a 3-on-4 advantage, when Marty Sertich found the net at 14:55, with just three seconds left in the power play.

In the final minute, Colorado College pulled Matt Zaba from the net in a last-ditch effort to score. Dallas Steward scored an empty-net goal with 40.7 seconds left to seal the win.

Kevin Reiter had 38 saves for the Seawolves. Zaba recorded 18 blocks for Colorado College.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN 2, MICHIGAN TECH 0

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The teams tied 3-3 on Friday in Houghton, Mich.

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Connor James scored the game-winning goal 3:28 into the third period for the Denver Pioneers as they defeated Western Collegiate Hockey Association leader St. Cloud State 3-2 in St. Cloud, Minn., Saturday night.

Adam Berkhoel made 18 saves for Denver to complete the sweep of St. Cloud State.

Garrett Larson, from Park River, N.D., got the Huskies on the board first in the opening period. Ryan Caldwell tied the game midway through the second period when he scored an unassisted goal.

The game wasn't tied for long. St. Cloud State's Joe Jensen scored a shorthanded goal 22 seconds later.

But Brett Skinner then evened the game again before the period ended for Denver, setting James up for the winner in the third period.

The Badgers extended their unbeaten streak to a school record-tying 14 games. Earlier Saturday, the Badgers completed a 4-1 victory over the Mavericks that had been suspended Friday night with 5:10 left because of a power outage.

Wisconsin is 10-0-4 in its last 14 games and moved into second place, two points behind conference leader St. Cloud State.

Suter, the No. 7 overall pick in last June's NHL entry draft by the Nashville Predators, scored on the power play 11:14 into the second period.

The Badgers' 14-game unbeaten streak ties that of the 1981-82 team, which went 13-0-1 in one stretch en route to an appearance in the NCAA championship game that season.

Bruckler stopped 55 of 58 shots in the series.

In the completion of the game that started Friday, the Badgers added to the 3-1 lead they held when the game was suspended, as Adam Burish scored a short-handed, empty-net goal with 17.3 seconds remaining.

Northern Michigan won at home to win the Ramada Cup, symbolic of supremacy in the season series between the two Upper Peninsula teams.

Alan Swanson and Justin Kinnunen scored the goals for the Wildcats and Kowalski recorded his 11th career shutout.

Michigan Tech outshot Northern Michigan 29-20. "MTU outshot us tonight, but I'll guarantee they didn't outchance us," Northern Michigan coach Walt Kyle said. Late Friday

Alaska Anchorage 5, Colorado College 2: Anchorage forward Curtis Glencross picked up a hat trick as the Seawolves defeated Colorado College late Friday night in Anchorage.

Colorado College struck first in the opening period with power play goals from Brady Greco and Trevor Frischmon, but Anchorage answered with goals from Chris Fournier and Glencross.

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The Tigers were undermanned, as they have been much of the season. Senior captain Colin Stuart and freshman forward Brandon Polich didn’t make the trip because of injuries, and sophomore sniper Brett Sterling sat out with a sore knee.

Even so, Colorado College sophomore defenseman Mark Stuart said the Seawolves outworked the usually labor-intensive Tigers.

"That's how we've been getting by, by working hard," Stuart said. "When we work hard, we're a good team. When we don't, we're average or below average.

"They just never stopped coming, even when they were down 2-0."

And maybe, Hill said, that relentlessness by the Seawolves is a sign they have acquired confidence.

"I think they're starting to believe in themselves individually and in each other as a team," Hill said.

As for Glencross, he said he'll do whatever it takes to win -- even if that means puking between periods.

Seawolves notes

UAA raised more than $9,300 from its fans Friday for Colorado College assistant coach Norm Bazin, who remains hospitalized in Spokane, Wash., after suffering severe injuries in a car accident on Nov. 20.

"We are pleased we were able to help out the Bazin family," said UAA athletic director Steve Cobb. "We're aware how generous fans in Anchorage are and we appreciate them. I doubt you could raise that much money in one night in any other WCHA arena. And we were pleased to help out."

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First Period -- 1, CC, Greco 2 (Canzanello, Crabb), 10:03 (pp); 2, CC, Frischmon 3 (Cox, M. Stuart), 13:23 (pp); 3, UAA, Fournier 6 (Glencross, Hopson), 14:30; 4, UAA, Glencross 7 (Hanson, Hopson), 17:48 (pp). Penalties -- Thauwald, CC (ob.-slashing), 6:51; McMann, UAA (hooking), 9:32; Arcand-Kootenay, UAA (cross-checking), 12:37; Sweatt, CC (high-sticking), 16:39.

Second Period -- 5, UAA, Glencross 8 (Fournier, Underwood), 13:32. Penalties -- Goolsby, CC (boarding), 1:21; Underwood, UAA (holding), 7:00; Green, UAA (unsportsmanlike conduct), 8:27; Slat tengren, CC (unsportsmanlike conduct), 8:27; Dahl, UAA (interference), 11:21; M. Stuart, CC (cross-checking), 17:57; Segal, UAA (boarding), 18:34.

Third Period -- 6, UAA, Glencross 9 (Fournier, Hopson), 5:49 (pp); 7, UAA, Steward 6, (Kronschnabel, Smith), 19:58 (en). Penalties -- Petiot, CC (roughing), 4:01; Underwood, UAA (slashing), 8:13.

Shots on goal -- CC 9-7-17--33; UAA 9-7-8--24.

Power-play Opportunities -- CC 2 of 6; UAA 2 of 5.

Goalies -- CC, Zaba, 5-2-2 (21 shots/17 saves), McElhinney (2-2); UAA, King, 4-3-1 (33-31).

A -- 3,438.

Referee -- Derek Shepherd. Assistant referees -- Scott Sivulich, Carl Saden.

THE REMATCH: UAA and Colorado College will play at Sullivan Arena tonight at 7:05. The WCHA contest will be broadcast over AM-650.

GRAPHIC: ERIK HILL / Anchorage Daily News; Curtis Glencross of UAA celebrates his first goal of the night to tie the score 2-2 against Colorado College at Sullivan Arena. Glencross added another goal in the second period to stake the Seawolves to a 3-2 lead entering the final period. The Seawolves eventually won the WCHA contest 5-2.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY: Lakers top Alaska-Fairbanks

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Tim Krueckl's four-point game led Lake Superior State to a 7-2 win over Alaska-Fairbanks on Friday.

Krueckl scored two goals and added two assists.

The Lakers (5-6-4, 2-6-2 Central Collegiate Hockey Association) went up, 2-0, after the first period and never trailed in the game.

Matt Violin finished with 37 saves for Lake Superior.

Alaska-Fairbanks (7-8-0, 6-5-0) pulled Preston McKay from net midway through the second period after he allowed five goals on 15 shots. Keith Bartusch finished the game and made eight saves.

American International 5, Wayne State 3: The visiting Warriors outshot the Yellow Jackets, 45-25, but managed just three goals. Nate Higgins, Jason Backlig and Mark Cannon scored for Wayne State (3-8-2). American International is 3-11-1.

Bowling Green 5, Findlay 1: Mark Wires, Ryan Minnabarriet, Brett Pilkington, Jonathan Sigalet and James Unger each scored for host Bowling Green (4-8-6). Findlay fell to 4-11-2.

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Michigan 2, Nebraska-Omaha 1: Mike Brown and T. J. Hensick each scored first-period goals and Al Montoya stopped 22 of 23 shots for visiting Michigan (11-6, 7-4 CCHA). Justin Chwedoruk scored in the second period for Nebraska-Omaha (4-11-2, 3-9-1). Chris Holt made 26 saves for Nebraska-Omaha.
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Maryland knocks off Florida

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Coach Gary Williams finally pushed his win total at Maryland from 299 to 300. That wasn't the only number that will need adjusting after Wednesday night's game.

The Terrapins helped Williams reach his milestone with a 69-68 overtime win over No. 1 Florida, handing the Gators the loss in their first game after reaching the top spot in the Associated Press poll.

Travis Garrison made a jumper with 18 seconds left for the winning points in a brutish, defensive, ugly game.

"We haven't been consistent, but somehow we found the toughness to go out there and play tonight," said Williams, who improved to 300-155 in 15 seasons with the Terrapins.

Maryland (5-2) got big hoops, rebounds and blocks from John Gilchrist (18 points), Jamaar Smith (14 points, 12 rebounds) and Nik Caner-Medley (22 points, 13 rebounds).

Anthony Roberson (Saginaw) scored 20 points for the Gators (5-1), whose loss all but guaranteed a new top-ranked team for the fourth straight week Monday.

"The yellow jersey gets passed on to someone else," Florida coach Billy Donovan said, making an allusion to the Tour de France.

MORE TOP 25

Kansas 80, Ft. Hays State 40: Freshman David Padgett had 19 points as host No. 5 Kansas (4-1) rebounded from a loss last weekend to Stanford with a solid victory over Division II Ft. Hays State (4-1), which was outrebounded, 58-25, committed 18 turnovers and had 10 shots blocked but received a guaranteed $30,000 payday for visiting its intrastate opponent.

Wisconsin 73, Wisconsin-Green Bay 57: Devin Harris scored 18 points for the Badgers (5-1), who ended the game on a 15-5 run, won their 17th straight at home and improve to 10-0 all-time against the Phoenix (2-4).

BIG TEN

Indiana 66, Notre Dame 63: Bracey Wright scored 19 points and visiting Indiana (3-3) earned its eighth straight win over Notre Dame. Chris Thomas scored 24 for the Irish (2-3).

Rutgers 60, Penn State 47: Ricky Shields and Quincy Douby each scored 17 points and visiting Rutgers (4-1) opened the second half with a 10-0 run to take a 44-26 lead.

DeForrest Riley-Smith's 20 points led Penn State (3-3).

STATE

Kalamazoo 70, Manchester (Ind.) 69(OT): Tim Herman had 15 points and 10 rebounds for visiting Kalamazoo in a 70-69 overtime victory. Jevon Caldwell-Gross also scored 15 points for the Hornets (2-3), who outscored Manchester in overtime, 8-7. Sydney McDaniel scored 23 points for Manchester (3-4).

Michigan Tech 65, Northwood 62: Josh Buettner had 25 points and nine rebounds as visiting Tech (8-0, 2-0 Great Lakes) rallied from a 36-29 halftime deficit with improved field-goal shooting. The Huskies shot 10-for-32 (31.3 percent) in the first half and 13-for-26 (50 percent) in the second half. Dallas Logan scored 23 points for Northwood (4-4, 0-3).

Olivet 112, Davenport 72: Matt Brawley led host Olivet with 22 points. Davenport's J.T. Williams scored 29 points.

MORE MEN

Toledo 95, Siena 71: Keith Triplett scored 22 points and Sammy Villegas and Justin Ingram added 18 points apiece and visiting Toledo (5-0) closed the first half on a 21-5 run. Tommy Mitchell led Siena (3-4) with 16 points.
Bradley 59, Butler 55: Phillip Gilbert scored 18 points as host Bradley (6-2) rallied from a 31-20 halftime deficit. Bruce Horan scored 15 points for Butler (3-3).

TOP 25 WOMEN

Oklahoma 90, Montana State 59: Caton Hill scored a season-high 23 points and had 10 rebounds for visiting No. 14 Oklahoma (7-0). Kati Burrows scored 15 for Montana State (5-3).

George Washington 76, Boston College 75 (OT): Marsheik Witherspoon scored the winning basket on driving lay-up with 10 seconds left in overtime as host George Washington (4-2) upset No. 23 Boston College. Anna Montanana scored 19 points for GW, which sent the game to OT on Maureen Leary's jumper at the buzzer. Lisa Macchia scored 23 for the Eagles (7-1).

STATE WOMEN

Michigan Tech 60, Northwood 46: Andrea Novak shot 9-for-20 from the field and scored 21 points for visiting Tech (6-1, 2-0 Great Lakes). Maureen Elliott scored 10 points for Northwood (3-3, 1-1).

Wayne State 96, Madonna 88: Jodi Young shot 13-for-23 from the field, knocked down seven three-pointers and scored 37 points for visiting Wayne State (2-5). Ebony Vincent added 16 points and 13 assists for the Warriors. Sarah Thompson had 27 points and 13 rebounds for Madonna (2-8).

NOTEBOOK

Missouri coach Quin Snyder defended two assistant coaches accused of giving money to players, saying he had the "utmost confidence" in them. Former player Ricky Clemons said in taped jailhouse phone calls over the summer that he and two current players -- seniors Arthur Johnson and Rickey Paulding -- received cash from coaches Tony Harvey and Lane Odom. Johnson and Paulding denied the claims. Clemons, who served two months for assaulting his ex-girlfriend, also said his former attorney and Odom told him to deny ever receiving cash.
College hockey games of the week

Matchup: Northern Michigan (7-7-0) vs. Michigan Tech (3-8-3).

When: 7:05 p.m. Friday, 7:35 p.m. Saturday.

Where: MacInnes Student Arena, Houghton, Friday; Berry Events Center, Marquette, Saturday.

Why they're important: The CCHA schedule is light this week, with many teams off in preparation for semester final exams. The Huskies and Wildcats finish their nonconference battle for the Ramada Cup, which goes to the winner of the four-game series between the teams each year. Each team has won one game. Michigan Tech junior forward Colin Murphy is third in the country in points per game at 1.57. He's also sixth in goals per game (0.79). Rookie forward Darin Olver leads Northern in scoring, with eight goals among 15 points. He had four points, including three goals, against Lake Superior State last weekend.
Josh Buettner scored 25, helping Michigan Tech to a 65-62 win over Northwood on Wednesday night.

Jason Marcotte added 12 for the Huskies (8-0, 2-0 GLIAC) as Michigan Tech came from behind in the second half.

Dallas Logan led Northwood (4-4, 0-3) with 23 points. Nemanja Kreckovic and D.J. Hughes each had 10.

Michigan Tech was down 36-29 in the first half, but pulled ahead in the second as Northwood's total field goals in the second half fell to 37.5 percent while the Huskies rallied, scoring 50.04 percent of theirs.