

Looking Ahead

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MEN BKB WED 3-18 At NIT: Vs. Northwestern, 8 p.m., ESPN-253	MEN BKB TBA At NIT: TBA	SOFTBALL TUE 3-17 At Louisiana-Lafayette: 6 p.m.
ORU Radio: KYAL 97.1 FM, am1550 Tickets: (918) 495-6000 Web: tulsaworld.com/orusports		
BASEBALL THU 3-19 At Cal State Fullerton: 5 p.m.	BASEBALL FRI 3-20 At Cal State Fullerton: 5 p.m.	BASEBALL SAT 3-21 At Cal State Fullerton: 4 p.m.
OU Radio: KMOD 97.5 FM (football), KTBB am1430 Tickets: (800) 456-4668 Web: tulsaworld.com/ousports		
MEN BKB THU 3-19 At NCAA: Vs. Morgan State, 8:40 p.m., KOTV-6	MEN BKB SAT 3-21 At NCAA: Vs. TBA, 4:45 p.m., KOTV-6	WOMEN BKB TBA At NCAA Tournament: Vs. TBA
OSU Radio: KFAQ am1170, KRYT am1270 Tickets: (877) 255-4678 Web: tulsaworld.com/osusports		
MEN BKB FRI 3-20 At NCAA: Vs. Tennessee, 11:25 a.m., KOTV-6	MEN BKB SUN 3-22 At NCAA: Vs. TBA, 1:50 p.m., KOTV-6	WOMEN BKB TBA Postseason tournament: vs. TBA
Arkansas Radio: KCFQ am970 Tickets: (800) 982-4647 Web: tulsaworld.com/arksports		
BASEBALL TUE 3-17 Vs. Nebraska: 6:35 p.m.	BASEBALL WED 3-18 Vs. Nebraska: 3:05 p.m.	BASEBALL FRI 3-20 At Auburn: 6 p.m.
Oilers Radio: None Tickets: (866) 726-5287 Web: tulsaworld.com/oilers		
WED 3-18 Vs. Mississippi: 7:05 p.m.	FRI 3-20 At Wichita State: 7:05 p.m.	SAT 3-21 Vs. Mississippi: 7:05 p.m.
Thunder Radio: KYAL fm97.1, am1550 Tickets: (405) 208-4667 Web: tulsaworld.com/thunder		
WED 3-18 Vs. Chicago: 7 p.m., FSOK-27	FRI 3-20 Vs. Utah: 7 p.m., FSOK-27	SUN 3-22 At Minnesota: 2:30 p.m., FSOK-27
66ers Radio: KAKC am1300 Tickets: (918) 585-8444 Web: tulsaworld.com/66ers		
TUE 3-17 At Albuquerque: 8 p.m.	WED 3-18 At Colorado: 8 p.m.	SAT 3-21 Vs. Los Angeles: 7 p.m.

Other local sporting events

TUESDAY Baseball: OSU vs. Western Illinois, 6:30 p.m.	WEDNESDAY Baseball: OSU vs. Western Illinois, 3 p.m. Softball: OU vs. Northern Iowa, 6 p.m.
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Television/Radio

	TV	Radio
6 p.m. Rob Walton Show		KYAL-97.1
WORLD CLASSIC BASEBALL		
7 p.m. Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico		ESPN-25
10 p.m. Cuba vs. Korea-Mexico loser		ESPN2-26
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
4:30 p.m. Inside Cowgirl Basketball		KGBE-23/53
6 p.m. NCAA Division I Selection Show		ESPN-25
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL		
10 p.m. 4A final: Star Spencer vs. McGuinness (TD)		FSOK-27
NBA		
7 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City		FSOK-27, KYAL-97.1
NHL		
6 p.m. Washington at Atlanta		Versus-251
TENNIS		
3 p.m. ATP Masters: BNP Paribas Open		FSOK-27

SPORTS: FYI

Basketball

Oklahoma Wesleyan in Final Four: Top-ranked Oklahoma Wesleyan (33-2) will battle Black Hills State (S.D.) (30-4) at 6 p.m. Monday in the semifinals of the NAIA Division II National Tournament at Point Lookout, Mo. The second semifinal will have Bethel (Ind.) (33-3) against College of the Ozarks, Mo. (24-10) at 8 p.m. The championship will be at 8:50 p.m. Tuesday and televised on CBS College Sports (Cox-249).

Connors men in tournament: Connors State College (26-7) will play Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (19-9) at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the opening round of the NJCAA National Tournament at Hutchinson, Kan.

Connors women No. 3 seed: Connors State women (29-3) open play in the NJCAA National Tournament at 10 p.m. Tuesday against Vincennes (Ind.) University (23-8) at Salina, Kan.

Softball

Cowgirls blank UConn: Oklahoma State (21-6) shut out Connecticut 4-0 Sunday at the San Diego Classic II. Sophomore Mariah Gearhart reached base three times, scored three runs and stole two bases, while fellow sophomore Alysia Hamilton had three hits and two runs batted in.

Anna Whiddon threw a complete game shutout allowing only two hits, two walks and struck out three. She is now 11-4.

Oklahoma run-rules Bowling Green: Ninth-ranked University of Oklahoma closed out the Judi Garman Classic Sunday with an 8-0, five-inning win over Bowling Green.

The Sooners (23-8) collected 10 hits, including a three-run homer by Katie Norris. The Falcons (4-13) had just three hits as OU starter Kirsten Allen tossed her second shutout of the year.

Tennis

Cowgirls tumble: Oklahoma State women closed out a two-match weekend road trip with a 4-3 loss on Sunday at Colorado.

The setback came two days after OSU kicked off conference play with a 4-3 win at Missouri and drops the Cowgirls to 7-6 overall and 1-1 in Big 12 action on the year, while CU improved to 6-5 and 2-0.

Baseball

Razorbacks sweep: Drew Smyly threw six innings and the Arkansas bats did just enough to lead the No. 18 Arkansas to a three-game sweep of Southeastern Conference opponent Florida at Baum Stadium on Sunday, 4-2.

The Razorbacks (12-3, 3-0 SEC) assured themselves of at least a tie in the SEC Western Division with the victory, while Florida (9-7, 0-3 SEC) drops its sixth consecutive game at Baum Stadium and fourth straight to the Razorbacks including last season.

Golf

Cowboys second at Vegas: Oklahoma State was unable to maintain its lead on the final day of action at the Southern Highlands Collegiate Championship, finishing one shot behind host UNLV.

The Cowboys finished at 8-under 856, while the Rebels were at 855.

— FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Practice light for Robinson

BY BILL HAISTEN

World Sports Writer

OSU SPRING DATES

All practices are conducted at Boone Pickens Stadium or on the practice fields immediately east of Gallagher-Iba Arena:

■ **Spring practice**
 March 24, 25, 27, 30, April 1, 3 (3:30 p.m., open to the public), 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18 (6 p.m., Orange-White game).

■ **2009 schedule**

Sept. 5	Georgia
Sept. 12	Houston
Sept. 19	Rice
Sept. 26	Grambling
Oct. 10	at Texas A&M
Oct. 17	Missouri
Oct. 24	at Baylor
Oct. 31	Texas
Nov. 7	at Iowa State
Nov. 14	Texas Tech
Nov. 19	Colorado
Nov. 28	at Oklahoma

As Oklahoma State's leader in career total offense and a veteran of 24 starts, Zac Robinson is a proven commodity at quarterback.

Since Mike Gundy completed his career in 1989, there have been only three years — 1996 with Tone Jones, 2000 with Tony Lindsay, 2009 with Robinson — in which the Cowboys entered a season with a senior returning starter at QB.

To lessen the risk of injury to Robinson and to increase the workload of backups Alex Cate and Brandon Weeden, Robinson won't be heavily involved in spring-practice scrimmaging. At the end of Friday's session, Gundy and the coaching staff conducted a brief scrimmage. Robinson took only four snaps.

Gundy, overseeing his fifth spring-practice session as the Cowboy head coach, says he is anxious for Cate or Weeden to become established as the clear-cut No. 2 quarterback.

"Both of them performed very average during the fall," Gundy said. "The reason we didn't name one of them as the second-team quarterback is because (neither has) stepped up and taken that role yet. You have to earn whatever the coaches will give to you. Neither one of them has done that yet."

Said co-offensive coordinator Gunter Brewer: "We know what Zac Robinson can do, obviously. This spring, he may spend more time being a leader than a player. The (backup) guys will get a lot of work. Zac can help them get everything lined up correctly."

The Cowboys do not practice this week because of spring break. Practice resumes on March 24, and the Orange-White spring game is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Boone Pickens Stadium.

Following the 2007 season, Gundy said the only flaw in Robinson's game was that he



Oklahoma State quarterback Zac Robinson (center) won't be heavily involved in spring workouts in order to lower the returning starter's risk of injury. MICHAEL WYKE/Tulsa World

needed to complete a higher percentage of his passes. After completing 60.4 percent of his throws in 2007, Robinson set a school record last season by completing 65 percent. The old mark was Gundy's 64.8 percent in 1988.

"I'll just continue to help some of the young guys this spring, especially the receivers," Robinson said. "Whether I get a lot of reps or not very many, I need to be a more accurate thrower. Coach Young (new defensive coordinator Bill Young) might throw

some new things at us, so that could make it interesting."

Robinson, who turns 23 in September, is on course to graduate in December.

With 383 yards of total offense in OSU's Holiday Bowl loss to Oregon, Robinson broke Gundy's school record for career total offense. Robinson enters the 2009 season with 6,233 passing yards. He needs 1,764 to supplant Gundy as OSU's career passing-yards leader.

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Mickelson wins duel with Watney

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DORAL, Fla. — No longer the best player without a World Golf Championship, Phil Mickelson won a spirited duel at Doral on Sunday to win the CA Championship and put himself in position to reach No. 1 in the world.

Mickelson, taken to a hospital on the eve of the final round with heat exhaustion and dehydration, survived seven lead changes in 11 holes against Nick Watney before hanging on with seven pars for a 3-under 69 and a one-shot victory.

Mickelson won for the second time in three starts and moved to No. 2 in the world ranking, as close to Tiger Woods as he has ever been. Depending on how Woods fares at Bay Hill, Mickelson might have a chance to go to No. 1 when he plays again.

Winning this tournament was all that mattered.

Mickelson finished at 19-under 269 and earned \$1.4 million, the biggest check of his career.

Four years ago, Mickelson lost a two-shot lead against Woods



Phil Mickelson holds his trophy after winning the CA Championship golf tournament on Sunday in Doral, Fla. WILFREDO LEE/Associated Press

in a duel that ranks among the best ever at Doral. He didn't get his revenge against the world's No. 1 player, but Watney gave him all he could handle.

"It took a lot out of me," said Mickelson, who sipped on energy drinks throughout the round. "I haven't eaten much in three days. I fought hard. I've been playing some of my best golf, and I'm very excited to have finished it off."

Watney closed with a 2-under 70, holing an unlikely chip for birdie from behind the ninth green, then making an eagle on the 10th to pull into a tie for the lead.

Needing a birdie on the 18th hole, which yielded only three in the final round, Watney thought his 30-footer was good until it stopped one turn away.

He pulled his cap over his face, and could only watch as

Mickelson took two putts from 25 feet away for par and the win.

"I'll get over this," Watney said. "It's a positive week. I played really well. Beat 78 of the best players in the world. Beat Tiger, which is always good. I'm very pleased with the way I'm playing."

Woods, in his first stroke-play event since winning the U.S. Open, closed with another 68 to finish eight shots behind in a tie for ninth, but at least kept one streak alive. He has never finished out of the top 10 on the Blue Monster.

"I didn't get anything out of my rounds," Woods said. "I hit the ball a lot better than my scoring indicates."

Bradley wins Puerto Rico Open: PGA Tour veteran Michael Bradley won the Puerto Rico Open by one shot on Sunday after sinking an 11-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

Bradley finished at 14-under 274 to outlast Jason Day and Brett Quigley at Trump International Golf Club in Rio Grande.

MLB NOTEBOOK

Red Sox, Lester agree to contact: Red Sox left-hander Jon Lester finalized a \$30 million, five-year contract on Sunday, a deal that could be worth \$42.75 million over six seasons if Boston exercises a club option for 2014.

"We're extremely happy to have gotten this done," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. "Jon is already a big part of this organization, and we project him to play an even greater role going forward."

After being diagnosed with cancer in 2006, Lester came back to go 4-0 in 2007 and then 16-6 with a 3.21 ERA last year. He threw 210 1/3 innings and made 33 starts in his first

full season in the majors. He ranked among the AL leaders in shutouts, ERA, starts, innings and wins.

Boston's second-round pick in 2002, Lester pitched a no-hitter May 19 against the Kansas City Royals at Fenway Park. He also won the clinching game for the Red Sox during their 2007 World Series sweep of Colorado.

Padres sign Mets castoff Sanchez: Relief pitcher Duaner Sanchez agreed to a minor league contract with the San Diego Padres on Sunday, five days after he was released by the New York Mets.

Sanchez was cut by the Mets after failing to regain form following two shoulder operations.

Sanchez was 5-1 with a 4.32

ERA in 66 relief appearances for the Mets last year.

The right-hander separated his pitching shoulder in a taxi accident on July 30, 2006, and had season-ending surgery. He missed the 2007 season following a hairline fracture in the front of his shoulder during spring training and returned to the majors last April 15.

Pedroia has abdominal strain: Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia has been diagnosed with an abdominal strain and will likely be out only a matter of days, not weeks as originally feared.

The reigning American League MVP left the World Baseball Classic on Saturday for Fort Myers and was examined that night by

Dr. Thomas Gill, the Red Sox team medical director.

What was initially believed to be an injury to his left oblique was diagnosed as a strained left abdominal.

Posada catches for first time since surgery: Jorge Posada, Andy Pettitte and the Yankees had a big day.

Posada caught for the first time since right shoulder surgery last July, and Pettitte threw three scoreless innings in New York's 5-1 win over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday in Tampa, Fla.

Posada played four innings, but didn't have a baserunner attempt a steal against him. He had been limited to designated hitter duties before Sunday.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sooners, Cowboys fall in close games

FROM STAFF REPORTS

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Oklahoma's late-inning heroics weren't enough against Eastern Illinois in the final game of the USF Bulls Baseball Classic on Sunday. The Panthers won 8-6 to win the tournament in Tampa, Fla.

The Sooners were down 8-2 after seven innings. At that point, OU's Elliott Blair hit a three-run blast to cap the scoring in the eighth inning.

However, the rally fell short, and the Sooners' winning streak was halted at 10 games. OU fell to 17-4 after allowing a season-high 16 hits.

"I was proud of the way our offense rallied..." Sooner coach Sonny Galloway said. "However, it is clear that we have some things to sure up before Big 12 play opens next weekend."

Cowboys crumble: A pair of unearned runs and 15 runners left on base proved too costly for Oklahoma State (13-4) to

overcome Sunday as the No. 11 Cowboys lost 5-4 to Rhode Island (8-5) at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium.

The Cowboys fell behind out of the gate in the top of the first inning. URI then took a commanding 5-1 lead in the fifth. OSU battled back with two runs in the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Davis Duren and an RBI single by Kevin David, but the rally fell just short.

EASTERN ILLINOIS 8, OKLAHOMA 6

Oklahoma	101	000	040	—	6	8	1
E. Illinois	313	001	00X	—	8	16	2

Richards, Seng (3), Djebbar (6), Anderson (7), Duke (8) and Wise; Recchia, Martin (3), Kreke (8) and Wallsten. **W:** Recchia (3-0). **L:** Richards (1-1). **S:** Kreke (1). **HR:** OU, Blair (1); EIU, Nommensen (5).

RHODE ISLAND 5, OKLAHOMA STATE 4

Rhode Island	200	120	000	—	5	8	1
Oklahoma State	010	002	001	—	4	11	1

Pickering, Leaver (5), Fraser (8), Demko (9) and Eschmann, Adams; Keeling, Propst (6) and Walker. **W:** Leaver (1-0). **L:** Keeling (1-1). **S:** Demko (3). **HR:** RI, Angulo; OSU, Hamby (4).

66ERS ON THE ROAD

Sixers hold off Albuquerque

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ALBUQUERQUE — Gary Forbes scored 26 points and Herbert Hill finished with a double-double as Tulsa held off a late Albuquerque rally to escape with a 100-97 victory in NBA Development League action Sunday at Tingley Coliseum.

Hill had 18 points and 17 rebounds, while Derrick Dial provided a spark off the bench with 16 points and nine rebounds.

Will Conroy and Antoine Agudio led the T-Birds with 30 points each. Mouhamed Sene added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Tulsa built a 58-33 lead at halftime and held a 27-point lead with 4:04 left in the third before Albuquerque began its comeback. The lead was down to 20 at the end of the quarter, and the T-Birds pulled within three several times in the final period, but never got closer.

The 66ers (9-30) shot 51.2 percent from the field.

66ers 100, Thunderbirds 97

TULSA (9-30)

	Min	FG	3pt	FT	Reb	O-T	F	Pt.
Clark, f	22	2-7	0-0	1-7	1-5	2	5	
Ogunoye, f	45	3-5	0-0	0-0	1-3	1	6	
Hill, c	37	9-15	0-0	0-0	5-7	3	18	
Forbes, g	32	10-16	1-1	5-7	3-6	3	26	
Livingston, g	30	4-9	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	8	
Dial	31	7-13	0-2	2-6	1-9	2	16	
Kelly	25	2-8	1-3	5-6	1-1	3	10	
Ehamebe	13	4-7	3-4	0-0	0-2	1	11	
Ervin	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	
TEAM							14	
Totals	41-80	5-11	13-26	12-59	18-100			

Assists: Clark 2, Hill 2, Forbes 4, Livingston 5, Dial 3, Kelly 3. **Blocks:** Clark 2, Ogunoye 2, Hill 3, Livingston 1. **Turnovers:** Clark 3, Ogunoye 1, Hill 4, Forbes 4, Livingston 4, Dial 1, Kelly 1. **Steals:** Clark 1, Ogunoye 3, Hill 1, Forbes 1, Livingston 1, Kelly 1.

ALBUQUERQUE (20-19)

	Min	FG	3pt	FT	Reb	O-T	F	Pt.
Meeking, f	38	0-7	0-1	0-0	2-7	4	0	
Johnson, f	27	4-11	0-1	1-2	2-7	1	9	
Sene, c	34	5-8	0-0	1-3	5-10	1	11	
Agudio, g	43	10-15	6-8	4-5	0-4	3	30	
Conroy, g	44	10-27	3-10	7-11	3-8	1	30	
Walters	18	2-7	1-3	1-2	2-3	3	6	
Stricker	14	1-1	0-0	2-2	1-4	3	4	
Wright	17							