

## Looking Ahead

Arkansas		
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BASEBALL	BASEBALL	BASEBALL
<b>TODAY</b> NCAA Super Regionals: At Fla. St., 11 a.m. ESPN-25	<b>SAT 6-6</b> NCAA Super Regionals: At Fla. St., 11 a.m. ESPN2-26	<b>SUN 6-7</b> NCAA Super Regionals: At Fla. St., 11 a.m. ESPN-25
 <b>Talons</b> Radio: KRMG am740, fm102.3 Tickets: (918) 294-1000 Web: tulsaworld.com/talons		
<b>SAT 6-6</b> Vs. Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton: 7 p.m.	<b>SAT 6-13</b> Vs. Arkansas: 7 p.m.	<b>ERI 6-19</b> At Green Bay: 7:30 p.m.
 <b>Drillers</b> Radio: KTBB am1430 Tickets: (918) 744-5901 Web: tulsaworld.com/drillers		
<b>TODAY</b> At Frisco: 7 p.m.	<b>SAT 6-6</b> At Midland: 7 p.m.	<b>SUN 6-7</b> At Midland: 6 p.m.

## Other local sporting events

<b>TODAY</b> <b>Motor Racing:</b> Tulsa Raceway, Show-N-Go Test-N-Tune & Teen Championship Racing, 6 p.m.; Outlaw Motor Speedway, 6th Annual Harold Pickard 360 Modified Memorial, Midget Wrestling, Farm Truck Bump Pass Race 2, 7:30 p.m.; Caney Valley Speedway, NCRA sport modified division, 7:30 p.m. <b>Equestrian:</b> Fair Meadows Horse Racing, 6 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>Equestrian:</b> Fair Meadows Horse Racing, 6 p.m. <b>Motor Racing:</b> JRP Speedway, All Classes, Noon; Tulsa Raceway, Suburban Chevrolet Bracket Series & Central State Gasser Assoc., 1:30 p.m., Midnight Drags 11 p.m.; Port City Raceway, Points Race 7 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Equestrian:</b> Fair Meadows Horse Racing, 4:05 p.m.
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## Television/Radio

	TV	Radio
<b>COLLEGE BASEBALL SUPER REGIONALS</b>		
11 a.m. .... Arkansas at Florida State	ESPN-25	
1 p.m. .... Virginia at Mississippi	ESPN2-26	
6 p.m. .... Rice at LSU	ESPN-25	
9:30 p.m. .... Louisville at Cal State Fullerton	ESPN2-26	
<b>MLB</b>		
6 p.m. .... Kansas City at Toronto		KYAL-97.1
6 p.m. .... Texas at Boston		FSOK-27
7 p.m. .... Colorado at St. Louis		Cox-3, KRVT-1270
<b>MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL</b>		
7 p.m. .... Tulsa at Frisco		KTBB-1430
<b>BOXING</b>		
7:30 p.m. .... Carlos Molina vs. Danny Perez		ESPN2-26
<b>GOLF</b>		
9 a.m. .... European Tour: Wales Open		Golf-260
11 a.m. .... LPGA Tour: State Farm Classic		ESPN2-26
Noon .... Melwood Prince George's County Open		Golf-260
2 p.m. .... PGA Tour: Memorial Tournament		Golf-260
5:30 p.m. .... Champions Tour: Triton Financial Classic		Golf-260
<b>MOTOR RACING</b>		
5 p.m. .... Nationwide: Federated AP 300 practice		ESPN2-26
8 p.m. .... Camping World: WinStar World Casino 400		Speed-261
<b>TENNIS</b>		
10 a.m. .... French Open: men's semifinal		KJRH-9/2

## Houston receiver commits to OSU

Kevin Johnson, a wide receiver from Cypress Ridge High School in Houston, announced on Thursday his commitment to the Oklahoma State football program.

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound Johnson is rated by Scout.com as a three-star national recruit and is the 10th prospect on OSU's 2010 commitment list. Verbal commitments are non-binding. Recruits may sign national letters of intent in February.

Johnson reportedly had been offered a scholarship by more than a dozen schools, including Arizona, Arkansas, Texas Tech, Baylor, Kansas, Utah and Syracuse.

"I got tired of the recruiting process," Johnson told GoPokes.com. "It was overwhelming. It was great for a while, but it had gotten overwhelming."

"I'd just come to the conclusion that Oklahoma State was the best place for me."

As a junior last season at Cypress Ridge, Johnson had 45 receptions for 690 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Of the 10 players on OSU's commitment list, eight hail from Texas high schools. The only Oklahoman is Sand Springs quarterback Johnny Deaton.

— BY BILL HAISTEN, World Sports Writer

## Magley's transfer to TU becomes official

D.J. Magley signed scholarship papers with the University of Tulsa on Thursday, cementing his transfer to play basketball for the Golden Hurricane.

Magley, a 6-9, 255-pound forward who played two years at Western Kentucky, will sit out next season per NCAA rules and have two years of eligibility remaining. "D.J. has a huge body and great skills. ... He brings a great IQ to the game as well as the ability to score and pass in the low post," TU coach Doug Wojcik said.

"(Magley's transfer) really works to our benefit and D.J.'s benefit. He'll get to work (next year) and work on his offense against Jerome (Jordan)."

Former college coach Ted Owens, who coached D.J.'s father Dave at Kansas and now lives in Tulsa, helped bring the parties together.

"I love the guy," Wojcik said, with a laugh, about Owens. "He's opened his arms to me since the day I got here. It's ironic that, four years later, there's a player involved. Coach Owens trusts me, which helps bridge the gap in any type of relationship."

— BY ERIC BAILEY, World Sports Writer

## SPORTS: FYI

## Golf

**Donald takes early lead:** Luke Donald set a Memorial tournament record by taking only 20 putts, which allowed him to tie a tournament record Thursday in Dublin, Ohio, by opening with an 8-under 64 and a three-shot lead over a group that included Jim Furyk and Jason Day, who bogeyed his last two holes. Tiger Woods shot 69 and is five shots back.

**ORU's Carter honored:** Oral Roberts University's Christy Carter was named the Summit League women's golfer of the year for the second consecutive year in a vote of the league's 10 coaches.

During the 2008-09 season, Carter recorded a league-leading 76.2 stroke average, while also registering the league's top individual round with a 70. The senior captured first place at the Summit League Championship for the second consecutive year and earned her fourth straight first team all-league award.

## Miscellaneous

**ADs named to Champions Forum:** Oklahoma's Joe Castiglione and Tulsa's Bubba Cunningham are among a group of current athletic directors and 11 football coaches from past NCAA Expert Coaches Academies invited to a new program called the NCAA Champions Forum.

The group is being formed to bring minority football coaches closer to the mindset of athletics directors who ultimately hire head football coaches. The NCAA Champions Forum will take place June 18-19 in Orlando in conjunction with the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Convention (NACDA).

— FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

## Dismal decade for Arkansas

DURING THE 1990s, when the Arkansas basketball program recorded four 30-win seasons, made three Final Four runs and captured the 1994 national title, Razorback fans surely could not have envisioned the collapse that was to come in 2000-09.

In the world of college basketball, this decade has been completed — and what a miserable decade it was for Arkansas.

During 10 seasons in the '90s, the Razorbacks were 260-83 overall (.758). In conference play, they were 70 games above .500.

In 2000-09, Arkansas was 172-140 overall (.551). Its conference record was 30 games below .500.

"We'd all like to see Arkansas get back to the top," said Doc Blevins, a lifelong Tulsa and a lifelong Razorback fan.

"My hopes for them are the same now as they were 15 years ago. OU football fans didn't adjust their hopes during the John Blake years. The hope is that Arkansas basketball will return to that top level."

During the 2001-02 season — Nolan Richardson's final season at Arkansas — the Razorbacks were 6-10 in the South-eastern Conference. In five seasons with Stan Heath as coach, Arkansas only once finished with a winning record in the Southeastern Conference. Last season, Arkansas' second with John Pelphey as the head coach, the Razorbacks followed nonconference conquests of Oklahoma and Texas with a 2-14 mark in the SEC.

"After we beat OU and Texas, I thought we might be pretty good," said Blevins, Union High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor for more than 25 years. "But after conference play began, I thought, 'Oh, my.'"

During the '90s, Arkansas scored at least 100 points in 77 games. During this decade, Arkansas mustered only five 100-point performances.

The Razorbacks haven't been ranked in the final Associated Press poll since '99.

During the '90s, Arkansas had 25 NCAA Tournament victories. During this decade, Arkansas had one NCAA victory.

"Eddie Sutton got Arkansas thinking about success in basketball, and then Nolan Richardson really got it going," Blevins said. "They just haven't gotten it together since then. Hopefully, John Pelphey can get it done. It's been a rough go for Razorback fans."

## The OSU basketball decade

The Cowboys' winning percentages during this decade were quite similar to their percentages in the previous decade. During the '90s, OSU had an overall winning percentage of .682, a league percentage of .596 and a Final Four appearance in 1995. This decade's numbers

were .686 overall and .594 in conference play, with a Final Four surge in 2004.

**High point:** John Lucas' left-wing 3-pointer lifted the Cowboys past St. Joseph's in the 2004 NCAA East Regional championship game. OSU advanced to its second Final Four appearance in nine years.

**Low point:** The February 2006 car accident and DUI citation that ended the Eddie Sutton era.

**Tragedy:** The January 2001 plane crash that killed 10 members of the OSU traveling party (including two players).

## The Oklahoma decade

While Kelvin Sampson may be more readily remembered for getting OU into hot water with the NCAA, he did have a great run in Norman. Before he resigned in 2006 to become the head man at Indiana, Sampson coached the Sooners for 12 years. He led the Sooners to 11 NCAA Tournament appearances and 10 20-win seasons. Sampson's teams captured the Big 12 Tournament title in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

**High point:** Blake Griffin wasn't the only OU superstar during this decade. Hollis Price, a tremendous point guard, took the 2001-02 Sooners to the Final Four in Atlanta.

**Low point:** Before the 2006-07 season, Jeff Capel inherited a depleted program that had lost impact recruits like Scottie Reynolds and Damion James. That Sooner team finished 16-15. For the first time since 1981, OU did not participate in the NCAA Tournament or the NIT.

## The Tulsa decade

The Golden Hurricane program averaged 24 wins per season over a span of 10 years, but in 2003-06 crumbled to records of 9-20, 9-20 and 11-17. The Doug Wojcik recovery effort has resulted in a three-season total of 70 victories.

**High point:** In 2000, the Bill Self-coached Hurricane recorded 32 wins and rolled to the NCAA Elite Eight.

**Low point:** On Christmas Day of 2004, as TU was in the midst of a second consecutive 20-loss season, coach John Phillips announced his resignation.

## The Oral Roberts decade

In four seasons with Caleb Green and Ken Tutt on the roster, the Golden Eagles were 49 games above .500.

**High point:** In the title game of the 2006 Mid-Continent Conference Tournament, played at the Union Multipurpose Activity Center, Tutt scored 25 points as the Golden Eagles defeated Chicago State 85-72. ORU qualified for its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1984.

**Low point:** A 25-win ORU team, seeded No. 1 in the 2005 Mid-Con Tournament at the UMAC, was upset 61-60 by seventh-seeded Oakland in the championship contest. A capacity crowd of 6,000 watched Oakland's Pierre Dukes swish a 3-pointer with 1.3 seconds remaining.

## Safina holds on to reach final

## ■ She meets fellow FRENCH OPEN Russian Kuznetsova on Saturday.

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

PARIS — Dinara Safina cursed at herself in English, muttered to herself in Russian and generally carried on in much the same manner of older brother Marat Safin.

Safina's face bears a striking resemblance to Safin's, and she shares his broad shoulders, too. Both have been ranked No. 1 — the only brother-sister combo to do so — and now Safina is one victory from joining Safin as a Grand Slam champion.

Yearning to justify her ranking and live up to her bloodlines by winning a major title, the top-seeded Safina

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overcame a poor start Thursday and held her temper in check enough to beat No. 20 Dominika Cibulkova 6-3, 6-3 and reach a second consecutive French Open final.

"I'm trying to control my emotions," Safina said. "I'm not playing my best, but still, it's not easy to beat me."

Safina has won 20 of 21 matches since rising to No. 1 in April. The only woman to defeat her in that span, 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, will get another crack at Safina on Saturday in the third all-Russian major final in tennis history.

The seventh-seeded Kuznetsova seemed well on her way to an easy semifinal victory, but she stumbled a bit before getting past No. 30 Samantha Stosur of Australia

6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

"She's going to be favorite to win," Kuznetsova said, looking toward her match with Safina. "She's No. 1. She played an unbelievable season."

In the men's semifinals Friday, No. 2 Roger Federer plays No. 5 Juan Martin del Potro, and No. 12 Fernando Gonzalez meets No. 23 Robin Soderling.

Federer is trying to win his first French Open championship to complete a career Grand Slam and tie Pete Sampras' record of 14 major titles. Federer lost to Rafael Nadal in the past three finals at Roland Garros, but the Spaniard is no longer around this year after being upset by Soderling in the fourth round.

"At this stage, I expected I would be in semifinals," Federer said, "but I was not expecting Rafa to be out before the semifinals."

## FROM THE BLOGS: tulsaworld.com/sportsextra

## Eric Bailey's TU blog: Another transfer for TU

Tulsa could add another impact transfer into its 2010-11 basketball class.

TU is scheduled to welcome Scottie Haralson for a campus visit this weekend.

Haralson spent last season at

Connecticut, and the 6-4 shoot-guard is mulling a transfer.

"It's a strong possibility," Haralson told the Hartford Courant. "I talked to Coach (Jim Calhoun). He told me that he likes me as a person and would

not mind me being part of the program, but he said, 'If I were you, I would make transferring part of the consideration.' "

For more on this blog:  
[tulsaworld.com/sportsextra](http://tulsaworld.com/sportsextra)

## Guerin Emig's OU blog: Where does Stoops rank on a national scale?

It is an annual rite of (anything to get us through) summer for college football freaks ... Lists.

Today's category should get the attention of Oklahoma followers — the top college football coaches in the land. Think his latest BCS setback has cost Bob Stoops some rank? Let's see...

Tom Dienhart of Rivals.com lists Stoops second only to Florida's Urban Meyer.

"No coach can match his four BCS title game appearances," Dienhart writes.

Mack Brown of Texas, by the way, comes in sixth on this scroll, behind Meyer, Stoops, Nick Saban, Pete Carroll and Kirk Ferentz.

For more on this blog:  
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## Mike Strain blog: A street in Verdigris called Rotnei Clarke Road

Drove past Verdigris High School the other day, and noticed something.

The street in front of the school has a new name on the sign: "Rotnei Clarke Road."

Clarke, you may recall, became the all-time career scoring leader in Oklahoma boys basketball. He also led Verdigris to a state championship in 2008. Verdigris produced a

gold ball and a new street sign honoring the player who's now at Arkansas.

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## OSU, OU, TU, ORU BASKETBALL: COMPARING THE DECADES

## Oklahoma State Cowboys

■ **Now**  
1999-2000 through 2008-09 (10 seasons)  
**Overall record:** 227-104 (.686)  
**Conference record:** 95-65 (.594)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** seven  
Final Four appearance in 2004

■ **Then**  
1989-90 through 1998-99 (10 season)  
**Overall record:** 219-102 (.682)  
**Conference:** 87-59 (.596)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** seven  
Final Four appearance in 1995

## Oklahoma Sooners

■ **Now**  
1999-2000 through 2008-09 (10 seasons)  
**Overall record:** 245-87 (.738)  
**Conference record:** 108-52 (.675)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** eight

■ **Then**  
1989-90 through 1998-99 (10 seasons)  
**Overall:** 206-109 (.653)  
**Conference:** 85-61 in conference (.582)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** seven  
Final Four appearance in 2002

## Tulsa Golden Hurricane

■ **Now**  
1999-2000 through 2008-09 (10 seasons)  
**Overall:** 207-126 (.622)  
**Conference:** 94-70 (.573)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** three

■ **Then**  
1989-90 through 1998-99 (10 seasons)  
**Overall:** 202-108 (.652)  
**Conference:** 113-51 in conference (.689)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** five

## Oral Roberts Golden Eagles

■ **Now**  
1999-2000 through 2008-09 (10 seasons)  
**Overall:** 174-126 (.580)  
**Conference:** 110-48 (.696)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** three

■ **Then**  
1991-92 through 1998-99 (8 seasons)  
**Overall:** 106-117 (.475)  
**Conference:** 22-8 (.733)  
**NCAA Tournament appearances:** none

**Note:** Numbers reflect seasons during which ORU competed at the NCAA level. During the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons, ORU was in the NAIA. ORU was an NCAA independent until the 1997-98 season, when it joined the Mid-Continent Conference.

## TV BEST BETS

Tulsa World sports writer Matt Doyle lists this weekend's must-see televised sporting events:

**1. NBA finals:** Orlando at L.A. Lakers, KTUL channel 8, 7 p.m. Sunday: Game 2 with a potential 2-0 lead at stake before the series shifts to Orlando for the next three games.

**2. Horse racing:** Belmont Stakes, KTUL channel 8, 4 p.m. Saturday (5:27 p.m. post time): There is no hope for a triple crown-winning horse, but there is hope for a triple crown-winning jockey in Calvin Borel.

**3. French Open:** Men's final, KJRH cable 9/channel 2, 9 a.m. Sunday: With four-time defending champ Rafael Nadal out, this is Roger Federer's best chance to win the one Grand Slam event that has eluded him so far.

**4. Golf:** The Memorial, KOTV channel 6, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday: Tiger Woods' last tuneup before defending his U.S. Open championship in two weeks.

**5. NASCAR:** Pocono 500, TNT cable 29, 1 p.m. Sunday: Tony Stewart brings the Chase for the Cup points lead to the mountains of Pocono.

## ■ Weekend highlights

## Baseball

**FRIDAY**  
Texas at Boston, FSOK-27, 6 p.m.  
Colorado at St. Louis, Cox-3, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, KOKI-5/23, 3 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, WGN-13, 6 p.m.  
Texas at Boston, FSOK-27, 6 p.m.  
Baltimore at Oakland, MLB-264, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, WGN-13, noon  
Kansas City at Toronto, Cox-78, noon  
Texas at Boston, FSOK-27, 12:30 p.m.  
Colorado at St. Louis, Cox-3, 1 p.m.  
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, ESPN-25, 7 p.m.

## NBA finals

**SUNDAY**  
Game 2: Orlando at L.A. Lakers, KTUL-8, 7 p.m.

## NHL Stanley Cup finals

**SATURDAY**  
Game 5: Pittsburgh at Detroit, KJRH-9/2, 7 p.m.

## Horse racing

**SATURDAY**  
Belmont Stakes, KTUL-8, 4 p.m. (5:27 p.m. post time)

## Golf

**FRIDAY**  
The Memorial, Golf-260, 2 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
The Memorial, Golf-260, 11:30 a.m.; KOTV-6, 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
The Memorial, KOTV-6, 1:30 p.m.

## Tennis

**FRIDAY**  
French Open Men's Semifinals, KJRH-9/2, 10 a.m.

**SATURDAY**  
French Open Women's Final, KJRH-9/2, 8 a.m.

**SUNDAY**  
French Open Men's Final, KJRH-9/2, 8 a.m.