

RECREATION  
CALENDAR

## Running

**Nightmare on Yale Street Fun Run and Walk:** 6 p.m. Thursday at KingsPointe Village Shopping Center, 61st Street and Yale Avenue. Trick-or-treating begins at 5 p.m. Information, 492-3338.

**30th annual Jenks Half Marathon and 5k race:** Nov. 7 at the Jenks High School track. Advance is \$35 for the half-marathon (\$40 after Sunday) and \$25 for the 5k race (\$30 after Sunday). Information, Stan Bugh jenkshalf@aol.com or 918-629-5717.

**Tulsa Mock Marathon/Half Marathon:** 7:30 a.m. Nov. 7. The event starts and finishes at Veterans Park, 1875 S. Boulder Dr., and will allow runners to familiarize themselves with the first 22 miles of the Route 66 Marathon course. There is no cost to participate, but donations are encouraged. Information is available by calling 749-7557.

**Route 66 Steps for Success 5k and fun run:** 1 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Creek County Court House in Sapulpa. Information, call 779-6001.

**Fall Furry Scurry:** A fun run/walk for dogs and their owners. The race takes place at 3443 S. Mingo Road and has a 1-mile and ½-mile option for participants. Information, call 669-6355.

**McNellie's Pub Run:** 3 p.m. Nov. 14 in downtown Tulsa. Entry fees are \$20 for the 4-mile run and \$10 for the 1k fun run. Information, call 492-3338.

**Thanks for Giving Run:** 9 a.m. Nov. 28 at QuikTrip Plaza, 41st Street and Riverside Drive. Information, call 744-4222.

## Sluggers give series serious star power

BY RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ryan Howard thought about the World Series and his eyes widened. "Between Yankee Stadium and Philly, it's going to be, I would have to say, probably one of the rowdiest World Series — just between the fans," he said.

Sure will be if Howard and Alex Rodriguez start teeing off in their high-profile slugger showdown.

For the first time in 20 years, the World Series will feature a pair of former major league home run champions when it opens, weather permitting, on Wednesday night.

No player in the major leagues has been scrutinized more than A-Rod, a postseason star following a scandalous spring training that included a steroid admission and hip surgery.

And Howard has carried the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies every bit as much as Rodriguez has propelled the Yankees to their first Series appearance since 2003 — and the first of his career.

"Ryan, along with his power, he's also become a great

## WORLD SERIES

Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Yankees

Best-of-7 • All games at 6:57 p.m. unless noted

TV: KOKI-5/23  
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**Wednesday:** at New York  
**Thursday:** at New York  
**Saturday:** at Philadelphia  
**Sunday:** at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.  
**\*Nov. 2:** at Philadelphia  
**\*Nov. 4:** at New York  
**\*Nov. 5:** at New York  
\* If necessary

hitter," Rodriguez said. "And that's bad news for the National League and bad news for us."

Rodriguez already has succeeded Reggie Jackson as the favorite Yankees target of wannabe amateur psychologists. Now he wants to follow Mr. October as a champion.

A three-time AL MVP, he entered the first round against Minnesota hitting .136 (8 for 59) in the postseason dating to 2004 and was hitless in 18 consecutive playoff at-bats with runners in scoring position.

What a change. He led the Yankees with a .438 average, five homers and

12 RBIs in the victories over the Twins and Los Angeles Angels, hitting tying home runs in the seventh, ninth and 11th innings.

"I think everyone is looking for a profound answer, and I don't have one," he said. "I think at the end of the day, I'm content. I'm happy, both on and off the field. I think I've cut out a lot of the fat, or unnecessary distractions."

Howard also needed a winding, if less notorious, path to postseason success. He had only one RBI in each of his first two playoff series while hitting .217 (5 for 23), then batted .300 with two RBIs against the Los Angeles Dodgers in last year's NL championship series. He then hit three homers and drove in six runs in leading the Phillies over Tampa Bay for Philadelphia's second title.

And this year, he has batted .355 with 14 RBIs in the playoffs against the Rockies and Dodgers.

"I think that our approach this postseason, as opposed to previous postseasons, are a lot better," Howard said. "I think both of us are a lot more patient, both of us are a lot more relaxed, it looks like."

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## FOOTBALL

## NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
N. England	5	2	.714	198	98
N.Y. Jets	4	3	.571	152	104
Buffalo	3	4	.429	113	138
Miami	2	4	.333	146	152

South					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Indianapolis	6	0	1.000	179	77
Houston	3	3	.500	167	158
Jacksonville	3	3	.500	120	147
Tennessee	0	6	.000	84	198

North					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	163	128
Pittsburgh	5	2	.714	167	129
Baltimore	3	3	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	6	.143	72	179

West					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	6	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	3	3	.500	161	143
Oakland	2	5	.286	62	177
Kansas City	1	6	.143	105	181

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
East					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
N.Y. Giants	5	2	.714	195	143
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	163	116
Dallas	4	2	.667	159	119
Washington	2	5	.286	96	123

South					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	6	0	1.000	238	127
Atlanta	4	2	.667	144	114
Carolina	2	4	.333	94	145
Tampa Bay	0	7	.000	96	203

North					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Minnesota	6	1	.857	206	148
Green Bay	4	2	.667	161	96
Chicago	3	3	.500	129	144
Detroit	1	5	.167	103	188

West					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	4	2	.667	136	109
San Francisco	3	3	.500	132	122
Seattle	2	4	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	7	.000	60	211

Sunday					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Boston	0	1	0.000		
New York	0	0	.000	½	
New York	0	0	.000	½	
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	½	
Toronto	0	0	.000	½	

Southeast Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Washington	1	1	0.000		
Atlanta	0	0	.000	½	
Charlotte	0	0	.000	½	
Miami	0	0	.000	½	
Orlando	0	0	.000	½	

Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Chicago	0	0	.000		
Detroit	0	0	.000		
Indianapolis	0	0	.000		
Milwaukee	0	0	.000		
Cleveland	0	1	.000	½	

Western Conference					
Southwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Memphis	0	0	.000		
New Orleans	0	0	.000		
San Antonio	0	0	.000		
Dallas	0	1	.000	½	
Houston	0	1	.000	½	

Northwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Portland	1	1	0.000		
Denver	0	0	.000		
Minnesota	0	0	.000	½	
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	½	
Utah	0	0	.000	½	

Pacific Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
L.A. Lakers	1	1	0.000		
Golden State	0	0	.000	½	
Phoenix	0	0	.000	½	
Sacramento	0	0	.000	½	
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000		

Tuesday					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Boston	95	89	5	3	214
Washington	102	81	5	3	214
Portland	96	87	5	2	159
L.A. Lakers	99	87	5	2	159

Wednesday					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Indiana	at Atlanta	6 p.m.			
Philadelphia	at Orlando	6 p.m.			
Cleveland	at Toronto	6 p.m.			
Charlotte	at Boston	6:30 p.m.			
New York	at Miami	6:30 p.m.			
Detroit	at Memphis	7 p.m.			
New Jersey	at Minnesota	7 p.m.			
New Orleans	at San Antonio	7 p.m.			
Sacramento	at Okla. City	7 p.m.			
Phoenix	at L.A. Clippers	9:30 p.m.			
Houston	at Golden State	9:30 p.m.			

Thursday					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	2	1	.231	183	137
Tulsa	2	1	.231	183	137
SMU	2	1	.231	183	137
UTEP	2	1	.231	183	137
Tulane	0	4	.154	2	107
Rice	0	4	.154	2	107

Friday					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
East Carolina	38	19			

Saturday					
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Southern Miss	at Houston	noon			
SMU	at Tulsa	1 p.m.			
UAB	at UTEP	2 p.m.			

Tulane at LSU, 7 p.m.  
Sunday  
Marshall at UCF, 7:15 p.m.

## SEC

Conference						All Games					
W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida	5	0	129	62	7	0	247	71			
S. Carolina	3	2	101	107	6	2	184	140			
Georgia	3	2	159	153	4	3	189	194			
Kentucky	1	3	74	121	4	3	183	161			
Tennessee	1	3	90	80	3	4	202	129			
Vanderbilt	0	5	39	109	2	6	133	142			

Conference						All Games					
W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama	5	0	127	46	8	0	254	91			
LSU	4	1	107	71	6	1	169	97			
Mississippi	2	2	66	62	5	2	211	95			
Auburn	2	3	122	142	5	3	254	215			
Miss. St.	1	3	84	111	3	5	211	197			
Arkansas	1	4	129	163	3	4	224	192			

**4 Saturday**  
Mississippi at Auburn, 11:21 a.m.  
Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., 2:30 p.m.

**E. Michigan at Arkansas, 6 p.m.**  
Mississippi St. at Kentucky, 6 p.m.  
Georgia Tech at Vanderbilt, 6:30 p.m.  
S. Carolina at Tennessee, 6:45 p.m.  
Tulane at LSU, 7 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

■ **NBA**

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Boston	0	1	0.000		
New York	0	0	.000	½	
New York	0	0	.000	½	
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	½	
Toronto	0	0	.000	½	

Southeast Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Washington	1	1	0.000		
Atlanta	0	0	.000	½	
Charlotte	0	0	.000	½	
Miami	0	0	.000	½	
Orlando	0	0	.000	½	

Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Chicago	0	0	.000		
Detroit	0	0	.000		
Indiana	0	0	.000		
Milwaukee	0	0	.000		
Cleveland	0	1	.000	½	

Western Conference					
Southwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		