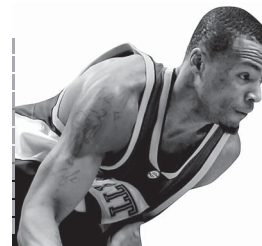


GamePlan

TODAY'S
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Watch: NFL playoffs

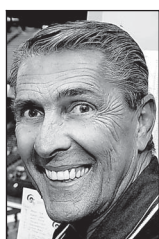
Divisional action gets under way at 1:30 p.m. on Fox/11 as Washington travels to Seattle in the NFC contest. In AFC action, New England plays at Denver at 5 p.m. on KCBS/2.



Go: Seattle at Clippers

Rashard Lewis, left, will have to lead the SuperSonics because their star guard, Ray Allen, was suspended three games for fighting. Staples Center at 7:30 p.m.

TALK BACK



Snow

'Thanks to Jack Snow for making me a Rams addict. Watching him gracefully catch those passes made me a football fan for life. Thanks for the memories.'

JOE PEREZ STANTON



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THE LINE

NFL playoffs

Saturday	Favorite	Open	Today	Underdog
at Seattle	9	9 1/2	Washington	
at Denver	3	3	New England	

Sunday	Favorite	Open	Today	Underdog
at Indianapolis	8 1/2	9 1/2	Pittsburgh	
at Chicago	3	3	Carolina	

NCAA basketball

Favorite	Line	Underdog
Washington	1 1/2	at UCLA
at USC	2 1/2	Wash. St.

CSF	Line	Underdog
at Gonzaga	18 1/2	Pepperdine
at Portland	7	LMU

Duke	Line	Underdog
at Florida	15 1/2	Auburn
at Texas	4	Villanova

at Connecticut	Line	Underdog
12		Georgetown
at Memphis	22 1/2	SMU

at Illinois	Line	Underdog
12		Michigan
at B. College	8	Florida St.

at W. Virginia	Line	Underdog
9 1/2		Marquette
at Geo. Wash.	6	St. Joseph's

at N.C. State	Line	Underdog
12		Ga. Tech
at No. Carolina	11	Miami

at Wisconsin	Line	Underdog
14		Northwestern
at Texas A&M	Pk	Oklahoma

Arizona	Line	Underdog
4 1/2		at Oregon
at Cincinnati	6 1/2	Syracuse

at Oregon St.	Line	Underdog
8		Arizona St.

NBA	Favorite	Line	Underdog
at Golden St.	3		Lakers
at Clippers	7		Seattle

at Atlanta	Line	Underdog
2		Washington
at Detroit	16	Charlotte

at Dallas	Line	Underdog
6 1/2		New Jersey
at Chicago	Pk	Indiana

at Milwaukee	Line	Underdog
4 1/2		Denver
at Houston	4	New Orleans

at San Antonio	Line	Underdog
9		Memphis
Miami	5 1/2	at Utah

at Phoenix	Line	Underdog
6 1/2		Cleveland

TOP OF THE 2ND



HARRY CABLUCK, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YOUNG'S TIME: Quarterback Vince Young announced he'll forego his senior year at Texas and make himself eligible for the NFL draft, but at least one reader isn't on the bandwagon.

Reader: Don't yield to Moreno's threats

The readers always write when they're upset (and sometimes even when they agree):

From Rob Rohm, Orange: "As a lifelong Angels fan ... I would hate to see the Angels leave the area, but that is no reason for the City of Anaheim to give in to Arte Moreno's demands. That would be like giving in to a terrorist because (he) made a threat."

"The City of Anaheim needs to defend what is rightfully theirs. I am very disappointed in Moreno and his ideas with the marketing of the team. ... I just want to say that you should not use your column to influence people (into) believing that the city should drop its case because of Moreno's threats. The city needs our support. Bring back the Anaheim Angels!"

Comment: I'm not trying to change people's opinions; merely expressing mine. As I've written many times, I think the geographically incorrect prefix in "Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim" is silly, but millions of taxpayers' dollars already have been wasted on this case.

When the team's stadium lease with the city runs out in 2016, Moreno legally will be able to change the name of the team to whatever he wants, so why waste more money delaying the inevitable?

I doubt Moreno would ever seriously consider moving the Angels to Los Angeles County, but I do think he would consider building a new stadium and moving the team out of Anaheim. City officials should think about that.

From Rick Crawford, via e-mail: "I hope Vince Young enjoys this moment, because the defenses in the NFL are going to make the next few years a lot less enjoyable for him. And that 'Heisman' pose after the game was tasteless. If I had the No. 1 draft pick, Reggie Bush is a no-brainer, and I might take the Fresno State QB, Paul Pinegar, before Young, because FSU scored more points against USC than Texas."

Comment: I think Young will be a great NFL player, at whatever position he winds up playing, but you do bring up an interesting point. Young wasn't the first quarterback to make the USC defense look bad this season.

Pinegar passed for 317 yards and four touchdowns in a 50-42 loss to USC in November. So maybe it was USC's porous defense that made Young look like the second-coming of Michael Vick.

From Jake Krolik, Irvine: "Apparently, Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart are stoppable but Vince Young is not. When USC failed to get the first down on fourth-and-2 at the Texas 45-yard line with about two minutes left, Pete Carroll should have told his defensive coordinator to let Texas score on the next play. Have to put pride and ego aside, because USC stood a better chance of winning with its offense than its defense. The only thing the defense accomplished on the last Texas drive was take precious time away from the offense. The coaching

staff and defense really blew this one."

Comment: In retrospect, your "strategy" might have worked, but how would it have looked if USC had conceded a score with that much time left on the clock? Don't forget, Young scored the winning touchdown on fourth-and-5 from the 8-yard line, so the Trojans still came one tackle from winning the game.

From "Ramsfan," via e-mail: "Great job, Pete. On the most important fourth down of the year, you had the Heisman Trophy winner on the sideline. For once, I take your team and give the points and you show how smart you are! Go, Bruins!"

Comment: Well, it's not hard to figure out why you are upset. That's why it's called gambling. But I think giving the ball to Bush — instead of LenDale White — on that play would have been the wrong call.

From Alex Gutnik, via e-mail: "What's going on in Brian Burke's mind? The Ducks have an army of defensemen and not enough offense. Trading Petr Sykora for another no-name defenseman makes no sense to me. Can you explain this move?"

Comment: I can't read Burke's mind, either, but dumping the salaries of Sergei Fedorov and Sykora is a clear indication that they weren't the type of players he wants on his team. Burke has publicly stated he will reinvest the money saved, so it's too early to judge the Ducks' first-year GM. We'll know more in May, won't we?

From Fred Ferketic, Newport Beach: "Just about every sports analyst I've heard or read, except you and a few from Cincinnati, agree that Kim von Oelhoffen's hit on Carson Palmer was not a dirty play. Could all your whining about it have anything to do with the fact you picked Cincinnati to beat Pittsburgh — and were wrong again?"

Comment: Not at all. I've been picking the wrong teams to win for 17 years. But I replayed the "tackle" at least 20 times, and von Oelhoffen clearly reached out to grab Palmer's lower left leg as the defensive lineman fell — well after Palmer had released the pass.

The contact was not the result of being blocked into Palmer, as the CBS announcers reported. But Palmer has too much class to complain about the hit and his serious knee injury.

By the way, don't yet have to invoke columnist prerogative and revise my playoff picks after last week's wild-card weekend. Still like all the home favorites to advance.

From Scott Nelson, via e-mail: "Has anyone else figured out that Maurice Clarett's recent trouble with the law was his attempt to prove he belongs in the NFL without having to play in Europe first?"

Comment: And I expect the ploy to work. Look for Raiders owner Al Davis to call Clarett soon, as well as Virginia Tech castoff Marcus Vick. Wouldn't Randy Moss, Terrell Owens, Ricky Williams, Clarett and Vick make great Raiders teammates?

ON THE AIR TODAY

Sport	Time	Event	TV	Radio
College basketball	9 a.m.	Iowa State at Texas Tech	ESPN	
	9 a.m.	Miami at North Carolina	ESPN2	
	10 a.m.	Villanova at Texas	Ch. 2	
	11 a.m.	Duke at Clemson	ESPN	
	11 a.m.	Women: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State	FSN	
	11 a.m.	Women: Oregon at Arizona	FSN2	
	11 a.m.	Oklahoma at Texas A&M	ESPN2	
	1 p.m.	Wis.-G.B. at Wis.-Milwaukee	ESPN2	
	1 p.m.	Washington at UCLA	FSN2	KLAC/570
	3 p.m.	Arizona at Oregon	FSN2	
3 p.m.	CSUN at UC Irvine (T)	Cox/3		
4 p.m.	CSF at UC Riverside		KSPA/1510	
5 p.m.	Washington St. at USC	FSN2	KMPC/1540	
7 p.m.	UNLV at San Diego St.		XPRS/1090	
8 p.m.	CSUN at UCI (T)		Cox/3	
Figure skating	1 p.m.	U.S. Championships: Men	Ch. 7	
	8 p.m.	U.S. Championships: Women (D)	Ch. 7	
Golf	4 p.m.	PGA Sony Open	ESPN	
	11 a.m.	Colorado at Philadelphia	Ch. 4	
Hockey	4:30 p.m.	Kings at Buffalo	FSN	KSPN/710
	7:30 p.m.	Kings at Buffalo (T)	FSN	
	8 p.m.	Los Alamitos	FSN2	TVG
Pro basketball	5:30 p.m.	Indiana at Chicago	WGN	NBA
	7:30 p.m.	Seattle at Clippers	Ch. 5	KTLC/1150
	7:30 p.m.	Lakers at Golden St.	Ch. 9	KLAC/570 KKW/1220 KKW/1330
Pro football	1:30 p.m.	Washington at Seattle	Ch. 11	KFWB/980 XPRS/1090 KKW/1220 KKW/1330
	5 p.m.	New England at Denver	Ch. 2	KFWB/980 KKW/1220 KKW/1330
Soccer	9 a.m.	Blackburn vs. Bolton	FSC	
	Noon	Arsenal vs. Middlesbrough	FSC	
	2 p.m.	Lecce vs. Sampdoria	FSC	
	5 p.m.	Boca Juniors vs. River Plate	FSC	FoxE

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5 GAMES OUT

Clippers					Lakers				
Sat 1-14	Mon 1-16	Wed 1-18	Fri 1-20	Sun 1-22	Sat 1-14	Mon 1-16	Thu 1-19	Fri 1-20	Sun 1-22
SEA	UTAH	PHX	DAL	G.S.	G.S.	MIA	SAC	PHX	TOR
7:30	12:30	7:30	7:30	12:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	6:30
KTLA/5		FSN	FSN2	KTLA/5	KCAL/9	TNT	KCAL/9	ESPN	FSN

Information: (323) 224-1448

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CSF basketball					UCI basketball				
Sat 1-14	Thu 1-19	Sat 1-21	Wed 1-25	Sat 1-28	Sun 1-15	Thu 1-19	Sat 1-21	Wed 1-25	Sun 1-28
SEA	UCR	UCI	UCI	UCD	PAC	UCR	CSF	CSF	LBST
7:30	7:00	2:00	7:00	2:00	2:00	7:00	2:00	7:00	5:00
KTLA/5		FSN	KVMD			KVMD		KVMD	

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UCLA basketball					USC basketball				
Sat 1-14	Wed 1-18	Sat 1-21	Thu 1-26	Sat 1-28	Sat 1-14	Wed 1-18	Thu 1-26	Sat 1-28	Thu 2-2
WASH	USC	W. VA	ORE	OSU	WSU	UCLA	OSU	ORE	ARIZ
1:00	7:30	12:45	7:30	1:00	5:00	7:30	5:30	5:00	7:30
FSN2	FSN2	KCBS/2	FSN	FSN	FSN2	FSN2	FSN2	FSN2	FSN

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Mighty Ducks					Kings				
Mon 1-16	Thu 1-19	Sat 1-21	Mon 1-23	1-25	Sat 1-14	Tue 1-17	Thu 1-19	Sat 1-21	Mon 1-23
BOS	OTT	FLA	L.A.	EDM	BUF	T.B.	ATL	S.J.	ANA
10:00	4:30	7:30	7:30	7:00	4:30	7:30FSN	7:30	2:00	7:30
		FSN2	OLN	FSN	FSN	FSN	FSN	KNBC/4	OLN

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BOWLING

Bohn top seed for final round

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER for each triumph. The Jackson, N.J., resident averaged 237.54 during the week. Couch (Clermont, Fla.) finished with 9,672 to earn the No. 2 seed for the stepladder finals. Norm Duke (Clermont, Fla.) fired a 264 in his final game to move from fifth to third. Mike Machuga (Erie, Pa.) finished fourth with 9,500 and will face Chris Loschetter (Olmsted Falls, Ohio) in the first match. Loschetter finished fifth with 9,415.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY • Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III defeated Jason Couch, 226-182, in the final game of round-robin match play Friday night to earn the top seed for Sunday's championship round in the Dick Weber Open at Fountain Bowl. Bohn finished with a 9,774 39-game pinfall, which included 15 games of qualifying and 24 games of match play. Bowlers earned 30 bonus pins

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