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Chicago's Walter Payton rushes for 177 yards to reach the 15,000-yard plateau, and scores his 100th career rushing touchdown as the Bears beat the Philadelphia Eagles 13-10.

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### WVSSAC ratings: Cats 3rd, 'Dogs 5th

PARKERSBURG (AP) — Woodrow Wilson, Weir and Wheeling Central were No. 1 in the Secondary School Activities Commission's high school football computer ratings Tuesday.

The ratings, based on a team's strength of schedule and number of victories, determine the top 16 teams in each class that qualify for the playoffs beginning Nov. 11.

Woodrow Wilson was first in Class AAA and Nitro was second.

Jefferson and defending champion Morgantown were tied for third, and Bridgeport and Martinsburg were tied for fifth. Princeton was seventh, University was eighth, and Cabell Midland and Fairmont Senior were tied for ninth.

In Class AA, Weir had a slight lead over No. 2 Wayne. Scott was third. James Monroe, Liberty Harrison and Liberty Raleigh were tied for fourth. Mount View was seventh and Grafton was eighth. Herbert Hoover and Ravenswood were tied for ninth. Wheeling Central was followed in Class A by Williamstown, Greenbrier West and St. Marys. Buffalo, Fayetteville and South Harrison were tied for fifth. Calhoun and Clay-Battelle were tied for eighth and Matewan was 10th.

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### Truex docked points, penalized

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Reigning Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr. was penalized \$10,000 and 25 points by NASCAR on Tuesday for using an obscene gesture during last week's race.

The punishment tightens Truex's hold on the Busch points lead — he now holds just a 69-point advantage over Clint Bowyer with seven races left this season.

Truex twice flashed an obscene gesture at Wallace that was caught on the television broadcast.

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## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Eagles spike 'Dogs

## Hedgesville beats Martinsburg 3-1

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HEDGESVILLE — Maybe the Eagles had a case of the jitters in their first home match of the season.

Despite winning 3-1 (25-8, 20-25, 25-20, 25-18) Tuesday in Hedgesville, the Eagles didn't run the Bulldogs out of the gym.

"I didn't think we played our best tonight," Hedgesville coach Lori Zick said. "The first game was probably the best game out of all four. We served well and when they served to us we passed well and used the ball."

The score was tied 2-2 early in the first game of the match before Emily Cunningham, an Eagles senior, stepped behind the baseline.

With Cunningham serving, Hedgesville scored 12 straight service points and went ahead of Martinsburg 14-2.

In the 12-point run, Cunningham tallied three aces and Kaitlyn Price, also a senior, soared above the net for three kills.

Cunningham finished the match with 13 digs to go along with her three aces. Price finished with 12 kills and four aces.

Despite a poor showing in the first game, the Bulldogs made the Eagles sweat for their victory.

"I felt like we held our own," Martinsburg coach Charity Cobb said. "At key points I don't think we made the smart plays that we needed to make. We made power plays and sometimes it's not about power, it's about being smart."

Perhaps Hedgesville outsmarted the Bulldogs, but Zick said she didn't think so.

The second and third games of the set went back and forth. Neither team was able to maintain service. Martinsburg won the second game by five points and Hedgesville won the third game by five.

"We missed way too many serves (in the) second and third game. I just think we're a better team than we played tonight,"

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Journal photo by Ron Agnir

Hedgesville's Lindsay Hadley spikes the ball past Martinsburg's LaToya Buckner during the second game last night at Hedgesville's Gilbert B. Miller Athletic Center.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Recent history not kind to WVU

## Mountaineers have not played well lately at College Park, Md.

MORGANTOWN (AP) — Jay Henry painfully remembers West Virginia's last trip to Maryland.

The Mountaineers were throttled 34-7 in 2003 by former teammate Scott McBrien, who also quarterbacked the Terrapins to a 41-7 Gator Bowl victory over WVU in a rematch three months later.

West Virginia surrendered 28 first downs and 498 yards, while Maryland's defense forced nine straight punts before yielding a meaningless score in the closing minutes.

The Terps scored on four of five first-half possessions for a 20-0 halftime lead. WVU had more penalties (seven) than first downs (five) entering the fourth quarter.

Henry, then a freshman, was forced into the game when All-America line-backer Grant Wiley suffered cramps in the second quarter.

"That was a wake-up call for me as far as college football is concerned," Henry said. "I had to play about 30-40 snaps, and wasn't sure what was going on."

Henry's circumstances are a microcosm of the Mountaineers' recent hard luck in College Park.

West Virginia has lost four of its last five trips to Maryland, the last three by a combined 99-27.

Fifth-year head coach Rich Rodriguez is just 1-4 against the Terrapins, his worst record against any team on WVU's 2005 schedule — including No. 4 Virginia Tech, which Rodriguez has beaten twice in the last three years.

Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen is 4-1 against West Virginia, the only loss a 19-16 overtime defeat last year. That snapped a four-game series winning streak for the Terps, their longest since beating WVU four consecutive times from 1984-87 — when names like Bobby Ross

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# Jefferson quarterback Burns Park View

Name: Patrick Burns  
Class rank: Senior  
School: Jefferson  
Sport: Football

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



For the week of  
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Accomplishment: Jefferson was knocked out of their gameplan early last Friday at Cougar Field when Park View, Va., scored two touchdowns in less than two minutes in the first quarter. Coach Richard Mills was forced to toss his run-first philosophy to the side and had Burns tossing the football for the Cougars.

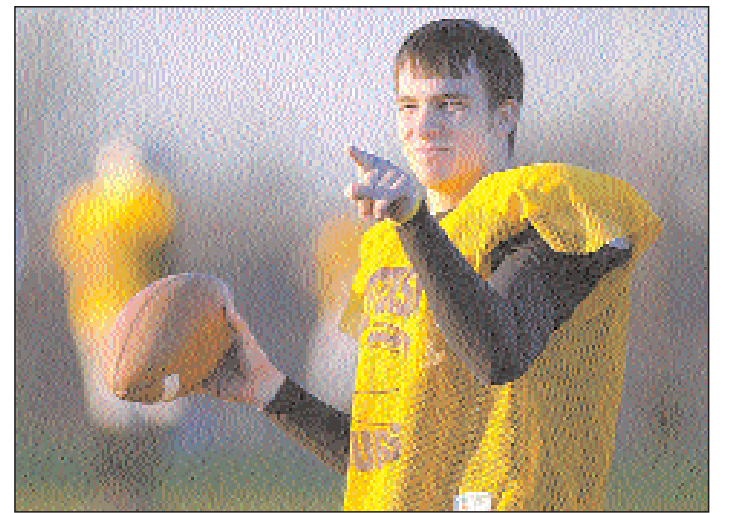
Burns stepped up to the task. He completed 10 of 21 passes for 251 yards and four touchdowns in Jefferson's 37-34 come-from-behind victory to hold on to a perfect record (3-0).

The Patriots led the Cougars 34-29 with 3 minutes and 20 seconds remaining in the third quarter. On first and second downs from the Jefferson

33 yard-line, Burns tried to hook up with his No. 1 receiver, Josh Brown, on streaks down the right sideline. However, both passes were wobbly and were nearly intercepted. Finally, on third down, Burns fired a whistler to Brown who used his agility to get in the end zone and put the Cougars ahead 35-34.

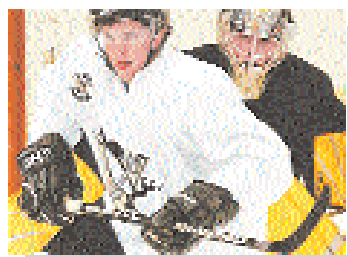
Burns' roll-out pass to Jonathan Hash on the

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### Crosby feeling at home

After three months of spinning lottery ball and endless comparisons to Wayne Gretzky, Sidney Crosby was on the ice Tuesday in Plttsburgh.

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### Birds of a different feather

No doubt. These Falcons and Eagles have developed quite a bit of animosity for each other in a few short seasons.

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### Countdown to Maryland

Mountaineers coach Rich Rodriguez won't be surprised if West Virginia's football game at Maryland on Saturday is a low-scoring affair.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Nats use three-run third to pull out win

NEW YORK (AP) — Hector Carrasco filled a hole in Washington's rotation with a solid spot start, and the Nationals used a three-run third inning to beat Tom Glavine and the New York Mets 4-2 Tuesday night.

Brad Wilkerson, Marlon Byrd and Preston Wilson each hit an RBI single to help Washington win the opener of a three-game series between teams barely on the fringe of the NL wild-card race.

Gary Majewski (4-3) pitched two scoreless innings for a victory, the Nationals' second in seven games. But manager Frank Robinson wasn't around to see the end of it — he was ejected in

the sixth. Substitute left fielder Marlon Anderson homered and threw out Byrd at the plate for the Mets, who lost for the 13th time in 16 games. They just returned home from a 2-8 road trip to Florida, Atlanta and St. Louis that almost certainly dashed their playoff hopes.

With right-hander John Patterson recovering from a sinus infection, the Nationals needed to get creative in finding a starter, so they turned to Carrasco, who gave up Cal Ripken Jr.'s 3,000th hit in April 2000.

On the last day of that season, Carrasco made his only previous major league start, for Boston at

Tampa Bay. But he had a 2.04 ERA in 59 relief appearances this year for the Nationals, so they figured he was as good a choice as any.

"He's starting? Wow!" surprised teammate Esteban Loaiza said before the game.

Carrasco did just fine. He allowed two runs and three hits in four innings, striking out six and lasting 74 pitches.

Jon Rauch, Joey Eischen and Majewski followed with shutout relief before Chad Cordero got three outs for his 45th save in 51 tries. Cordero had blown two of his previous three chances.

New York cost itself a chance

to rally with some bad bunting and inexplicable baserunning in the seventh.

Pinch-hitter Jose Offerman drew a leadoff walk, but Jose Reyes failed to bunt him over and struck out on a high pitch. Kaz Matsui sent Majewski sprawling to the mound with an apparent single to center, but Offerman must have thought the ball was caught because he broke back to first.

Offerman was easily forced out at second base by center fielder Wilson, and Carlos Beltran flied out to end the inning.

With two on in the eighth, Majewski got Chris Woodward to

ground into an inning-ending double play.

Glavine (10-13) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings for another hard-luck loss. It was his 600th career start.

The left-hander hit an RBI single in the second, and Anderson connected leading off the fourth.

The Nationals added a run in the ninth on an ugly, underhand throwing error by catcher Ramon Castro on Cristian Guzman's sacrifice bunt.

Mets right fielder Victor Diaz robbed Jose Guillen of a home run with a leaping catch to end the top of the fifth.

Robinson was ejected by plate

umpire Jeff Nelson in the sixth, apparently for yelling from the dugout to argue a checked swing by Diaz.

The irate manager then came out and went nose-to-nose with Nelson and crew chief Joe Brinkman, pointing and hollering before finally leaving the field after nearly five minutes.

Notes: Roger Clemens (668) and Greg Maddux (635) are the only active pitchers with more starts than Glavine. ... Glavine is 29-20 in 59 outings against the Washington franchise, his most wins against any opponent and the most by any pitcher against the club.

Athlete

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two-point conversion gave Jefferson a 37-34 lead and the Cougars' defense held.

Mills: "We needed to try to get back into the game. It's not that we had to go deep into (our playbook). We're a run-first team, but if the situation presents itself, we'll pass. It's not like we were throwing pass patterns and sequences that were unfamiliar to us.

"Even though they looked the same they were different patterns (on second and third down to Brown in the third quarter). The first two we ran fly patterns and the third we ran a stop because

(Park View's defensive backs) were dropping back so deep.

"We like to run first then see what presents itself. If necessary, we'll pass. I have faith in Patrick."

Burns: "I felt pretty good about (the game). There's some things I needed to work on from the tape. My line did a pretty good job blocking.

"On those passes (to Brown) when I dropped back, I just lost my form. I came back the second time — I didn't want to do that again — but I did. The third pass, I just threw a dart to Josh and he just did the rest with it.

"I got the two point conversion with John Hash. That was pretty big for me."

What the future holds: "Personally, I'm on track to have the best year of my life," Burns said. "I don't want to have many interceptions. I'd like to throw for over 1,000 yards. That would be my goal. My brother threw for like 1,100 yards. I'd like to throw more than him."

For coach Mills, the gameplan remains the same as usual despite Burns' performance.

"We're going to try to sustain our drive on offense," Mills said. "It's not like we're going to throw our book out the window."

Other notable performances: On Tuesday, Musselman's Louie Talbott broke the track record and took first place amongst the boys in the Berkeley County Cross Country Championship at Poor House Farm Park (18 minutes, 27 seconds). ... Jen Emmert finished first amongst the girls at the championship (22:10) despite hurting her foot late in the race. ... Trent Reid scored two goals in Martinsburg's 3-2 victory over Jefferson on Sept. 7 in boys soccer action at Cobourn Field. ... Josh Twyman had 25 carries for 135 yards in Martinsburg's 27-20 football win over Robert E. Lee at home on Friday. ...

Shon Jackson rushed for 106 yards on 20 carries in Musselman's 26-17 loss to Sherando in Stephens City, Va. ...

Michael Lopez threw for 126 yards and two touchdowns, Richard Lane rushed 22 times for 150 yards and two TDs and Jesse Simmons had 100 yards receiving in Hedgesville's 34-6 football win over Potomac Falls ... Rachel Boyd and Sarah Talbott each scored three goals and an assist in Musselman's 8-2 girls soccer win over Berkeley Springs in Inwood on Saturday.

Bob Zimmeroff

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