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will wait**

Danica Patrick is sticking with IRL, but she is making a change ... to Andretti Green Racing. **Page B5**



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BASKETBALL

LeBron makes the cut

U.S. national team announces roster

Greg Beacham
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — LeBron James already knew he would be on the U.S. national team's 15-man traveling roster when coach Mike Krzyzewski announced it Tuesday.

Yet James still got a thrill from hearing he's definitely headed to Asia for next month's world championships.

**James**

Adam Morrison, Luke Ridnour and Shawn Marion — who has a minor knee injury — were not among the players selected for the roster by Krzyzewski and managing director Jerry Colangelo after a weeklong training camp in Las Vegas. Led by James, Dwyane Wade and Carmelo Anthony, the club will travel west in 10 days on a quest to put USA Basketball back on top of the world.

"I wasn't sweating, but it makes basketball a lot more fun when you're with a great team, and when you're around guys you know," James said as the players departed for a short break before resuming camp Monday. "Guys were great about coming in here and not having a personal agenda. We're just all here to make a team, and we've got to do it as quickly as possible."

Amare Stoudemire and Kirk Hinrich were the only moderately surprising inclusions on the 15-man roster, which will play warmup games in Las Vegas, China and Korea before opening the world championships in Japan next month.

The roster also includes Gilbert Arenas, Shane Battier, Chris Bosh, Bruce Bowen, Elton Brand, Dwight Howard, Antawn Jamison, Joe Johnson, Brad Miller and Chris Paul.

Though Morrison and Ridnour left town before the official announcement, there appeared to be no hard feelings about the process.

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BROWNS TRAINING CAMP



JASON MILLER / CHRONICLE FILE

Charlie in charge: How QB Charlie Fry (9) handles his leadership role is key to the Browns' fortunes.

Browns look for answers

Scott Petrak
The Chronicle-Telegram

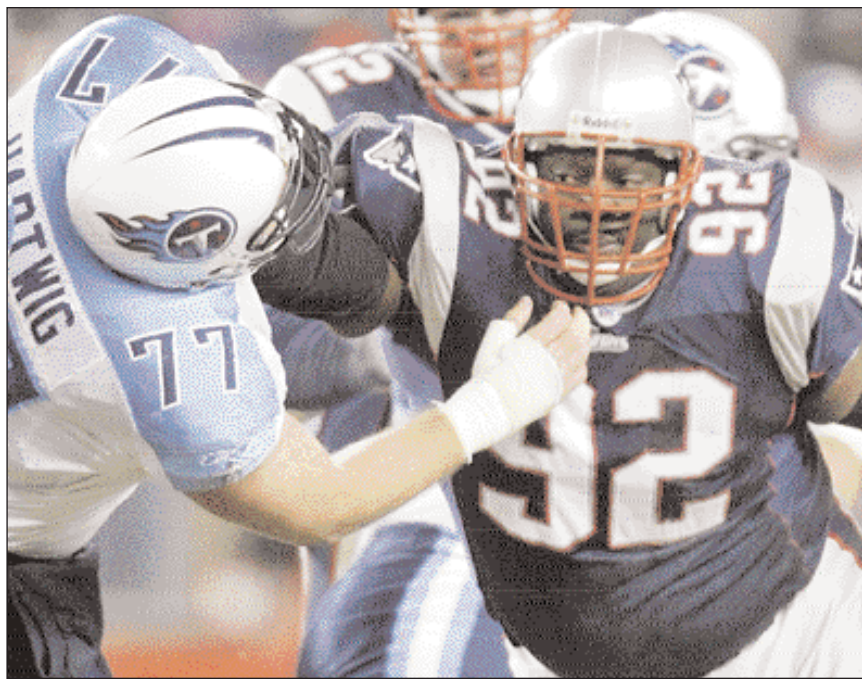
BEREA — The barking returns today. And it promises to be loud.

Excitement always greets the opening of Cleveland Browns training camp, but the enthusiasm is heightened this year. The Indians have crashed and burned and the Cavaliers are months away from the preseason. That leaves the focus squarely on the Browns.

They may actually deserve the attention this year.

General manager Phil Savage made key veteran additions in the offseason (Willie McGinest, LeCharles Bentley, Ted Washington, Joe Jurevicius), re-signed potential free agents (Andra Davis, Orpheus Roye, Leigh Bodden) and drafted players with the potential to make an impact as rookies. All that after almost losing his job in a power struggle.

Training camp opens today with a full-squad practice at 3:30.

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AP FILE



Is former Patriot Ted Washington (92) the nose tackle the Browns desperately need or past his prime? Can Reuben Droughns put his off-field problems behind him?

INDIANS 12, TIGERS 7

Bats lead way

Blake inside-the-park home run the highlight

Chris Assenheimer
The Chronicle-Telegram

CLEVELAND — After chasing Tigers starter Kenny Rogers in the opening inning Tuesday night, it appeared the Indians would barely have to break a sweat to beat Detroit for the first time in five games at Jacobs Field.

But nothing has come easy for the weary Wahoos this year.

Despite leading by seven runs after the first inning, Cleveland had to fend off a charge from the Tigers before emerging with a 12-7 victory in front of a 28,085 "Dollar Dog Night" crowd.

The Indians won for just the third time in their last 11 games, upping their dismal second-half record to 4-8, with a Casey Blake inside-the-park home run highlighting the victory.

Rogers, the American League's starter in the All-Star Game, had not pitched well as of late, winning just one of his last five starts coming in, but his first-inning outburst still came as a surprise.

The veteran left-hander allowed the first seven hitters he faced to reach base — four on hits — with Cleveland taking early command in Rogers' shortest outing since he lasted just one-third of an inning while pitching for Texas in May of 1993.

"Obviously Rogers was off and our guys took advantage of it," said Indians manager Eric Wedge, whose team won for just the fourth time in 12 games against Central Division-leading Detroit.

Rogers left after allowing a bloop single to Grady Sizemore, who walked to lead off the inning. A single from Jason Michaels — his second of the inning — capped the seven-run outburst.

**TODAY**

WHO: Cleveland vs. Detroit
TIME: 12:05 p.m.
WHERE: Jacobs Field
PITCHERS: Sabathia (7-6, 3.73 ERA) vs. Verlander (12-4, 2.77)
TV/RADIO: SportsTime Ohio, ESPN; WEOL 930-AM, WTAM 1100-AM

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DAVID SCHNEIDER / CHRONICLE

First baseman Dylan Callaghan saves the game for East Holmes, just beating Elyria East's Jon Koepf (10) to the bag with two outs in the seventh inning of a 1-1 game. Koepf had drilled a shot at Callaghan, who was able to knock the ball down, grab it and beat a diving Koepf to the base. East has the winning run heading for home, but Callaghan made the play.

LITTLE LEAGUE SENIORS: STATE TOURNAMENT

Extra tough to take

Elyria East's state title hopes end with 2-1 loss in 8 innings

Steve Byrne
The Chronicle-Telegram

BERLIN — The style was different, but the result was the same.

Tuesday's Little League Seniors state championship game wasn't the runfest it was last year, nor was it the kind of sloppy game played Monday, but that was cold comfort for the fans of Elyria East.

Elyria East, despite a superb pitching performance from Joe Fitch, lost 2-1 in eight innings to East Holmes in a state championship game Tuesday. It was the second straight year

the East All-Stars fell to the Hawks. "It was a much cleaner game than yesterday," Elyria manager Kevin Brubaker said. "By far, the two best teams in the state were here, and it showed today."

The teams committed eight errors in a 6-5 game Monday. There were seven miscues Tuesday but the pitchers were able to keep it a 1-1 score as the defenses settled down to commit just one error over the last five innings.

Fitch allowed eight singles and one walk while striking out 12. He was particularly effective over the final five innings, allowing five hits and facing only 20 batters.

But Fitch was outdueled by Clint Yoder, who yielded just four hits and one walk and faced only five over the minimum. Elyria's run, coming in the second inning, was unearned.

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