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PRO FOOTBALL

Monk, Green, Dean elected to Hall

Longtime teammates Art Monk and Darrell Green are among six players elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. Also elected were Andre Tippett, Gary Zimmerman, Emmitt Thomas and Fred Dean. C13

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Vikings road woes continue in Chicago

Cleveland State loses its fourth straight Horizon League road game, falling, 65-53, to Loyola. C7

Second-half blitz zips Zips into first

Akron starts the second half with an 18-2 run en route to an 80-61 win over Eastern Michigan that moves the Zips into a three-way tie for first in the MAC East with Kent and Ohio. C6

Flashes fizzle late in loss to Toledo

Kent State stumbles down the stretch, losing a five-point lead in a 59-56 loss to the Rockets. C6



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL / AP

A bad loss for Buckeyes

A loss to an Iowa team Ohio State beat by 31 points in Columbus last month leaves senior point guard Jamar Butler, above, fuming. C8

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

No. 1 Lutheran East upset by Blazers

Hathaway Brown takes the lead in the second quarter and holds it the rest of the way to defeat the Falcons for its 17th straight home victory. C15

SHAW'S SPIN

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TERRY'S TALKIN'

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TRACY BOULIAN / THE PLAIN DEALER

The Cavs' Drew Gooden dunks for two of his 14 points against the Clippers on Saturday at The Q. He also had 12 rebounds.

Trap can't clip LeBron, Cavs

BRANSON WRIGHT
Plain Dealer Reporter

Saturday night was the perfect trap game for the Cavaliers. They were playing the injury-riddled Los Angeles Clippers. The Cavs arrived back home the night before from a West Coast trip, and they were three days away from another showdown with the Boston Celtics, the league's winningest team.

The Cavs also trailed by two at the half, but they shook off their rust and wore down the Clippers in the second half and finished

with a workmanlike 98-84 victory at The Q.

The victory was tougher than it should have been. LeBron James returned after sitting out Thursday's loss against the Seattle SuperSonics due to a sore right ankle. He wasn't 100 percent, but a less-than-100 percent James is better than no James at all. He certainly wasn't the problem. Jet-lag may have been the biggest culprit in the Cavs' slow start.

"The travel may have had something to do with it," Daniel "Boobie" Gibson said. "We wanted to play hard. When there was a loose ball, your mind may tell you to go get it, but your body is slow in reacting."

BACK TO JERSEY: The Cavs' Donyell Marshall talks about his uniform gaffe. C4

The Clippers reacted early, despite only nine players being in uniform. Two of their missing were leading scorers Corey Maggette and Chris Kaman. So the rag-tag bunch of Clippers battled, and the Cavs trailed by two at the half. Four Clippers scored in double figures in the first half, and the Cavs were outrebounded, 24-18.

The Cavs finally woke up from their dismal first half with a rally in the third quarter.

SEE CAVS | C4

Clicking with colleges

With scholarships at stake, today's growing cyberspace world changes the recruiting and marketing of high school athletes

BILL LUBINGER
Plain Dealer Reporter

Mark Porter scanned the activity on his Web site, scoutingohio.com. There they were, fishing, as usual.

He watched as college recruiters in cyberspace sifted through posted profiles and highlight reels of Ohio high school football

players, hoping to scrape up the next gold nugget.

"New Mexico State's on right now watching Trevor Walls of Waverly. They've been on the site for 19 minutes," he said.

"The University of Kentucky's on right now and they're watching Cody Pettit of Patrick Henry."

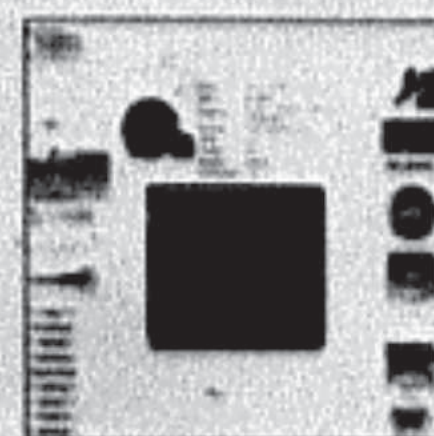
Porter, a freshman football coach and former Kent State tight end from Canfield, had

heard about a Canfield student whose family paid \$1,200 to feature him on a recruiting Web site.

He thought the fee was outrageous, so he created his site about 18 months ago to promote athletes from the Youngstown area. Porter posts player profiles, game videos and coaches' contact information for free.

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Recruiting Web sites



athleticscholarshipcorp.com

Launched four years ago by Brunswick High School grad A.J. Hodel; costs \$199 if player provides video, \$499 for package that includes film production, player profile, stats and link; alerts colleges by e-mail, fax and phone voice message.



cpoa.com

Based in Logan, Ohio, with franchise in Cleveland (cpoacleveland.com); founded in 1986 as one of the first recruiting services; provides consultation and posts player profiles and stats and mails info to 700 to 900 schools; charges \$1,100 to \$2,300.



mygamefilm.com

Created by former football/baseball coach and sports agent Vern Sharbaugh of Rocky River; mainly a do-it-yourself site where user completes profile, uploads highlight film and submits e-mails to colleges; \$99 for seniors, \$199 for juniors.



rightfitadvantage.com

An offshoot of a consulting service started last year by former University of Akron women's basketball coach Kelly Kennedy; fees generally run from \$250 to \$2,500 for a portfolio; site tracks portfolio views.



scoutingohio.com

Site started by Mark Porter, a former Kent State tight end and middle-school football coach in Canfield (near Youngstown); posts player highlight films, brief profiles and contact info for free; now has more than 3,000 videos from players statewide.



woodsrecruiting.com

Started in 1989 by former college and pro basketball player Al Woods of Cleveland; initially charged \$395, but now posts limited player profiles with photos and stats for free.

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