

**Sports briefs**

**Thornton signs with Boston for three years**

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins have reached an agreement with Joe Thornton, the first player chosen in the NHL amateur draft in June, on a three-year contract, the team announced yesterday.

Thornton, 18, was expected to be in Boston by the end of the week to officially sign the contract. Terms were not disclosed.

"Quite obviously, we're thrilled that this process has ended with this agreement," Bruins assistant general manager Mike O'Connell said.

"He's big, strong and has all of the skills you look for in a player, with the attitude to match."

Thornton is seen as a vital cog in the Bruins' rebuilding effort. The team finished with the worst record in the league last season, and missed the playoffs for the first time in 30 years.

The 6-foot-4 center had 41 goals and 81 assists for the Sault St. Marie Greyhounds of the Ontario Hockey League last season.

He was the youngest member of the 1997 gold-medal winning Canadian World Junior team.



**Joe Thornton**  
Bruins' No. 1 pick

AP Photo

terday at a news conference.

Bids are expected from Sion, Switzerland; Jaca, Spain; Poprad-Tatry, Slovakia; Innsbruck, Austria; and possibly a three-country candidacy involving Italy, Austria and Slovenia.

If Stockholm is not selected to host the 2004 Games next month, Samaranch said there may be a joint 2006 bid from Sweden and Finland.

Samaranch said Canada, which last hosted the winter games in Calgary in 1988, could have entered a bid but apparently decided not to.

Samaranch said the relatively small number of candidates means the IOC will not have to select a shortlist of finalists as it did for the

2002 Winter Games and 2004 Summer Olympics.

"I think we will have a maximum of five candidates," Samaranch told reporters at the World Athletics Championships in Athens. "There will not be a pre-selection."

With 11 cities bidding for 2004, the IOC reduced the field to five finalists: Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome and Stockholm.

The winner will be selected at the IOC session in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Sept. 5.

**Pittsburgh unveils new uniforms and logo**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Goodbye, brownish-yellow, hello Vegas gold.

The University of Pittsburgh — it no longer wants to be known as Pitt — showed off new football uniforms yesterday that will be the first to incorporate the athletic department's newly standardized colors.

When former coach Johnny Majors returned in 1992, he adopted a color scheme somewhat different than the university's other sports teams, one that featured a brownish shade of gold and not quite dark blue.

The new colors, chosen after athletic director Steve Pederson ordered all teams to wear the same shades, are a near-black dark blue and a burnt gold called Vegas gold.

The uniforms feature Pittsburgh across the front and the school's new snarling Panthers logo, which also incorporates the newly changed colors.

**Baseball result roundup**

**Phillies 7, Rockies 3**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tyler Green pitched seven solid innings for his second straight win and Scott Rolen hit a two-run homer to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 7-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies on last night.

Green (2-1) missed all of last season with a shoulder injury and returned to the Phillies on July 13 after completing his rehab at Triple-A Scranton-Wilkes-Barre.

Green allowed three hits in seven innings, including Vinny Castilla's three-run homer, while striking out seven and walking four.

The Phillies have won six of their last seven but still have the major league's worst record at 36-73.

Rolen homered with two outs in the fifth off Frank Castillo (8-10), giving the Phillies a 4-3 lead. Rolen, who also doubled and scored in the second, currently

has an 11-game hitting streak for the Phillies.

Castillo lost his first game since coming to the Rockies in a July 15 trade with the Chicago Cubs. Castillo allowed five runs on nine hits in 5 1-3 innings.

After Castillo walked Midre Cummings with the bases loaded to make it 5-3, Mark Hutton came on for the Rockies and allowed a sacrifice fly to Mickey Morandini and an RBI single to Gregg Jefferies.

The Phillies took a 1-0 lead in the second when Rolen doubled and scored on Rico Brogna's RBI single.

Castilla's 29th homer of the season in the fourth gave the Rockies a 3-1 lead. The Phillies made it 3-2 on when Tony Barron's RBI double.

The game was delayed by rain for 56 minutes before the ninth inning. Ricky Bottalico came on and pitched a perfect ninth.

**Yankees 5, Royals 4**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — David Wells came with in two outs of getting his third shutout in four starts, Charlie Hayes hit two home runs and the New York Yankees held on to beat the Kansas City Royals 5-4 last night.

The victory was the fifth in six games for the Yankees (64-45), who moved a season-high 19 games over .500 and within 5½ games behind idle Baltimore in the AL East.

Wells (12-5) took a three-hitter into the ninth but was relieved by Jeff Nelson with one out after allowing a pair of singles and committing a throwing error that allowed Kansas City to score its first run.

An RBI groundout made it 4-2 and Mike Sweeney hit a two-out, two-run homer before Mariano Rivera got the final out for his AL-leading 33rd save.

Joe Girardi's run-scoring double in the eighth gave New York what turned out to be the winning run.

**Indians 7, Tigers 2**

DETROIT (AP) — Manny Ramirez homered and drove in four runs, Jim Thome hit his 30th homer and Charles Nagy continued his domination of Detroit as the Cleveland Indians beat the Tigers 7-2 last night.

Nagy (11-7) improved to 12-4 lifetime against the Tigers, his most wins against any club. Nagy, who is 2-1 against the Tigers this season and was 3-0 last year, gave up two runs on seven hits and two walks with

seven strikeouts to get the win over Detroit.

Ramirez had a two-run homer in the third, an RBI single in the ninth and a sacrifice fly in the first.

Thome's homer came in the seventh and made him the first Cleveland left-handed hitter to hit 30 homers in successive seasons since Hal Trosky in 1936-37.

Scott Sanders (3-9) gave up five runs on eight hits and two walks over 4 2-3 innings.

**Marlins 4, Astros 1**

MIAMI (AP) — Rookie Livan Hernandez won his sixth straight game with 7 1-3 strong innings and Bobby Bonilla drove in three runs with a homer and single as the Florida Marlins beat the Houston Astros 4-1 on Monday night.

The Marlins, who ended the Astros' seven-game road winning streak, beat Houston for the 14th time in their last 16 meetings at Pro Player Stadium.

Hernandez (6-0) became the first pitcher in the Marlins' five-year history to win his first six deci-

sions. He allowed four hits and struck out four before Jay Powell went the final 1 2-3 innings for his second save.

With the Marlins ahead 2-1 in the sixth, Bonilla hit a two-out, two-run homer — his 12th of the season — over the right-field wall. Earlier, Bonilla singled home a run in the fourth inning.

Astros rookie Chris Holt (7-8) was the loser despite allowing two earned runs and four hits in seven innings.

**Giants 9, Reds 1**

CINCINNATI (AP) — J.T. Snow drove in a career-high five runs last night with a pair of homers, powering the San Francisco Giants to a 9-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Giants moved 1½ games ahead of idle Los Angeles in the NL West.

San Francisco took three of four in their first series since trading with the Chicago White Sox for pitchers Danny Darwin, Wilson Alvarez and Roberto Hernandez. Alvarez and Hernandez got two of the three wins against Cincinnati, which has lost 12 of its last 16 games.

After losing the second game of the series, the

Giants won two in a row for only the second time since the All-Star break. San Francisco is 11-14 since the break.

Kirk Rueter (8-5) allowed one run on seven hits over seven innings.

Brian Johnson had a solo homer, his fifth, and an RBI single as the Giants pulled to a 4-1 lead against Giovanni Carrara (0-1), who lasted 5 1-3 innings.

Snow hit a two-run homer, his 17th, off Richie Lewis to put the Giants ahead 6-1 in the seventh inning. He added a three-run shot in the ninth off Felix Rodriguez, a 431-foot drive into the third deck in right field.

**News from NFL training camps**

By the Associated Press

**Bills**

Bruce Smith had his first workout of the preseason with Buffalo, then left the field unhappier than ever about his contract.

The Defensive Player of the Year last season, Smith held out for three weeks before reporting to the team before its overtime exhibition loss to Chicago on Saturday night. He was fined \$105,000, \$5,000 for each day missed.

"It's very difficult," the 34-year-old defensive end said. "So far as the contract situation is concerned, I'm not going to talk about it anymore. There's nothing else that can be said. I'm talked out."

Smith has been complaining about a contract reworked in 1995

that calls for him to be paid \$2.2 million this season. He wants to play out the final year in hopes of becoming a free agent.

"There's nothing more than can be said. I've been over this question 1,000 times," Smith said. "I played under a tremendous amount of stress last year, and look where it's gotten me — basically, nowhere."

Smith, who turned down a five-year, \$22 million offer in May, joined the Bills less than a week after he was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol near his home in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Chargers**

San Diego linebacker Junior Seau underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his left knee. He is expected to be

out four weeks and will miss the regular-season opener Aug. 31 at New England.

Originally diagnosed with a mild strain of his left knee, the six-time Pro Bowl player was injured Saturday night on the final play of the first quarter in the Chargers' 20-13 exhibition victory over San Francisco.

Defensive tackle Don Sasa also underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, and is expected to be sidelined for four weeks.

**Jets**

New York quarterback Neil O'Donnell had good stats in Saturday night's victory over Philadelphia, completing 10 of 13 attempts for 112 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown pass to Keyshawn Johnson.

**Committee expects six bids for Winter Games**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The International Olympic Committee expects five or six bids for the 2006 Winter Games, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said yesterday.

**Scoreboard**

**Daily Trivia**

**Daily Trivia:** Who threw the last perfect game in Major League Baseball?

**Yesterday's Question:** What freshman holds the record for most rushing yards in a single game?

**Answer:** Marshall Faulk vs. Pacific in 1991, 386 yards.

**American League**

East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Baltimore	69	39	.639	—
New York	63	45	.583	6
Detroit	51	57	.472	18
Toronto	51	57	.472	18
Boston	52	59	.468	18½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	56	49	.533	—
Milwaukee	54	54	.500	3½
Chicago	53	56	.486	5
Minnesota	49	60	.450	9
Kansas City	46	61	.434	11

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Anaheim	63	48	.568	—
Seattle	62	48	.564	½
Texas	51	58	.468	11
Oakland	43	70	.381	21

**Sunday's Games**

Detroit 5, Toronto 2  
 Kansas City 5, Boston 2  
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 5  
 Seattle 6, Milwaukee 5  
 Baltimore 7, Oakland 5  
 Anaheim 4, Chicago White Sox 1  
 Texas 8, Cleveland 7

**Yesterday's Games**

Cleveland 7, Detroit 2  
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 4  
 Minnesota 9, Toronto 3  
 Boston 11, Texas 5  
 Milwaukee 5, Anaheim 2

**Today's Games**

Cleveland (Juden 0-0) at Detroit (Thompson 9-8), 1:05 p.m.  
 Toronto (Person 4-7) at Minnesota (Miller 0-1), 1:15 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Drabek 7-7) at Oakland (Karsay 3-11), 3:15 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 4-4) at Kansas City (Appier 6-9), 8:05 p.m.  
 Boston (Gordon 5-9) at Texas (Alberro 0-2), 8:35 p.m.  
 Milwaukee (Florie 2-2) at Anaheim (Dickson 10-4), 10:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Key 13-6) at Seattle (Olivares 6-6), 10:05 p.m.

**Tomorrow's Games**

Milwaukee at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 7:35 p.m.  
 Boston at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.  
 Detroit at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 10:35 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Seattle, 10:35 p.m.

**National League**

East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	70	42	.625	—
Florida	63	46	.578	5½
New York	61	48	.560	7½
Montreal	57	52	.523	11½
Philadelphia	35	73	.324	33

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	61	50	.550	—
Pittsburgh	55	56	.495	6
St. Louis	52	58	.473	8½
Cincinnati	46	62	.426	13½
Chicago	45	67	.402	16½

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Francisco	61	50	.550	—
Los Angeles	60	51	.541	1
San Diego	53	58	.477	8
Colorado	52	60	.464	9½

**Sunday's Games**

Pittsburgh 8, Colorado 4  
 Montreal 6, San Diego 3  
 Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 1  
 San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 3, 10 innings  
 Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 2  
 Florida 8, Atlanta 4  
 Chicago Cubs 4, Los Angeles 3, 12 innings

**Yesterday's Games**

Florida 4, Houston 1  
 Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 0  
 San Francisco 9, Cincinnati 1  
 Philadelphia 7, Colorado 3  
 N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 2

**AL Leaders**

**Batting Average**

Pct.	AB	R	H
.363	311	54	113
.355	355	75	126
.349	307	46	107
.338	355	50	120
.333	357	57	119
.331	378	69	125
.329	404	79	133
.328	393	78	129
.328	332	64	109

**Home Runs**

Tino Martinez, NYY	36
Mark McGwire, OAK	34
Ken Griffey Jr, SEA	33
Jim Thome, CLE	29
Jay Buhner, SEA	26
Tony Clark, DET	26
Frank Thomas, CHI	25
Mo Vaughn, BOS	25
Matt Williams, CLE	25
Juan Gonzalez, TEX	24
Rafael Palmeiro, BAL	23
Carlos Delgado, TOR	22

**Runs Batted In**

Ken Griffey Jr, SEA	102
Tino Martinez, NYY	100
Frank Thomas, CHI	92
Tim Lincecum, ANA	90
Juan Gonzalez, TEX	83
Tony Clark, DET	83
Paul O'Neill, NYY	82
Mark McGwire, OAK	81
Edgar Martinez, SEA	80
Albert Belle, CHI	79
Jay Buhner, SEA	78
Jim Thome, CLE	74

**Pitching**

Roger Clemens, TOR	16-4, 1.78
Randy Johnson, SEA	15-3, 2.48
Jimmy Key, BAL	13-6, 2.48
David Cone, NYY	11-5, 2.69
Wilson Alvarez, CHI	9-8, 3.03
Justin Thompson, DET	9-8, 3.03
Kevin Appier, KAN	6-9, 3.04
Andy Pettitte, NYY	13-6, 3.12
Mike Mussina, BAL	12-4, 3.19
Pat Hentgen, TOR	11-7, 3.44
Brad Radke, MIN	15-5, 3.48
Scott Erickson, BAL	13-5, 3.50

**NL Leaders**

**Batting Average**

Pct.	AB	R	H
.393	400	103	157
.389	424	68	165
.353	368	63	130
.343	312	56	107
.340	312	44	106
.333	369	54	123
.323	331	49	107
.320	316	61	101
.319	436	100	139

**Home Runs**

Larry Walker, COL	33
Jeff Bagwell, HOU	29
Barry Bonds, SF	28
Andres Galarraga, COL	28
Vinny Castilla, COL	28
Raul Mondesi, LOS	25
Eric Karros, LOS	24
Todd Hundley, NYM	23
Sammy Sosa, CHI	23
Henry Rodriguez, MON	22

**Runs Batted In**

Andres Galarraga, COL	102
Jeff Bagwell, HOU	96
Tony Gwynn, SD	96
Larry Walker, COL	93
Chipper Jones, ATL	89
Dante Bichette, COL	85
Jeff Kent, SF	85
Sammy Sosa, CHI	82

**NFL**

**American Conference East**

W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	1.000	20 16
N.Y. Jets	1	0	1.000	31 17
Miami	0	1	.000	00 20
New England	0	1	.000	3 7
Buffalo	0	2	.000	27 51

**Central**

Pittsburgh	2	0	1.000	58 31
Jacksonville	1	0	1.000	23 9
Baltimore	0	1	.000	20 21
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	16 20
Tennessee	0	1	.000	12 21

**West**

Denver	1	0	1.000	31
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