

THE LINEUP

MLB
Philadelphia vs. Cincinnati
 7:05 p.m., CSN
Pittsburgh at Houston
 2:05 p.m., FSN
MLS
Chicago vs. Real Salt Lake
 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

QUICK HITS (AP)

NBA **James to announce early in show**

LeBron to make announcement Thursday
 An ESPN executive says LeBron James will announce his future NBA plans within the first 10 minutes of Thursday night's hourlong broadcast.

Norby Williamson, the cable network's vice president of production, says sportscaster Jim Gray, will handle the introduction, announcement and questions. Williamson says Gray was hand-picked by James' team, who approached the network last week about the special.

Durant tweets on 5-year extension

Kevin Durant didn't go for a spectacle in announcing where he'll be for the next five years.

Instead, Durant simply posted an update on his Twitter page Wednesday, saying he'd agreed to a five-year contract extension with the Oklahoma City Thunder. Durant can't sign the deal until Thursday and team spokesman Brian Facchini said he could not confirm the deal under NBA rules.

Boozer signs with Bulls

A person familiar with the negotiations says Carlos Boozer is headed to the Chicago Bulls.

The person tells The Associated Press that the two-time All-Star forward agreed to a deal on Wednesday and is leaving the Utah Jazz after six seasons. The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the contract doesn't become official until Thursday, did not reveal the terms.

OUR THOUGHTS

NBA **LeBron should sign with...**

The "King of Akron," as he tends to call himself, should stay at home and re-sign with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

In his seven NBA seasons, the Cavs have been more than willing to accommodate James' wishes. Whether it was trading for Mo Williams, acquiring Shaq or this year's midseason trade for Antawn Jamison, Cleveland has done all they can to give James a winning cast.

The least James can do is stay loyal to his fans.

While James is a businessman and wants to become a globally recognized athlete, he can do it from his home state.

Nike knows marketable athletes, and LeBron James is marketable. He doesn't have to go to New York or Chicago to suddenly become popular in Asia, the NBA's largest growing market.

Free agents will want to play with the "King" and they will come to him.

No need for LeBron to change his address, he's got it made in his backyard.

TRIVIA

Q: When was the last time two teams that have never won a World Cup met in the World Cup Final?

Wednesday's answer: Gerd Müller is Germany's all-time leading international goal scorer.

Wade, Bosh sign with Heat



Dwyane Wade resigned with Miami.

By Tim Reynolds
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 DAVIE, Fla. -- Dwyane Wade had already decided that if he were to stay with the Miami Heat, he would have either LeBron James or Chris Bosh as a teammate.

He got Bosh. He might get both. Ending months of speculation, Wade and Bosh made their decisions official on Wednesday, saying their trip through the world of NBA free agency would end in Miami. Wade is staying, Bosh is coming, and now they're waiting — like the rest of the league — to see what LeBron James will do Thursday night when he unveils his plans in a special to be televised on ESPN.

"I'm so glad it's over," Wade said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I had to do what was best for me. And I know I did that."

Wade does not know what the terms of the next contract he'll sign with Miami will be, nor when he'll sign the paper. Bosh doesn't have terms of his next deal done either. It's all contingent on what James says Thursday night, and Wade insisted he knows nothing about what the two-time MVP will say or where he'll be saying it from.

"I expect us to compete for a championship," Bosh told ESPN. "I think both Dwyane and I, we both wanted an opportunity where right away we would be competing. ... We're ready to sacrifice a lot of things in order to do that. It's not about the money. It's not about anything else except for winning."

Regardless of whether James comes to Miami, the Heat still have only four players currently in the picture for this coming season: Wade, Bosh, Michael Beasley and

Mario Chalmers. Miami is deeply in discussions with several free agents, including Brendan Haywood, Mike Miller, Raymond Felton and Udonis Haslem — whom Wade has played with in all seven of his previous seasons.

Miami came into the free-agent period with around \$44 million of cap space, not including \$16 million or so earmarked for Wade, thanks to years of avoiding just about any deal where money would have been committed for the 2010-11 season.

"We want to build a dynasty," Heat president Pat Riley had told fans entering free agency.

Bosh and Wade would be a pretty good start.

"As much as I love Miami, I would have done myself no justice if I stayed here and no one came with me," Wade said.

"My career's going to end in a couple years if that happens. I couldn't do that."

A TOWN OF TWO BENCSKOS

Siblings unite in State College this summer

By Jake Kaplan
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Playing sports at different colleges that spanned different seasons, Justin and Whitney Bencsko hadn't seen much of each other the last couple of years.

Oddly enough, that changed for the better when Justin was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 20th-round on the second day of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft on June 8.

Whitney, the junior co-captain of the Penn State's women's gymnastics team, got a phone call from her brother later that night. By that time, however, Whitney had already heard the news — her brother would be spending the summer in State College.

"He was like 'Hey Whit, you know how you said you wanted to see me more this summer?'" Whitney recalled of her conversation with Justin the night of June 8.

Justin, who is three years older than Whitney, had been assigned to play for the Pirates' short-season Class A affiliate, the State College Spikes. After four years of collegiate baseball at Villanova, Justin's professional baseball career was going to get its start in the same town his sister Whitney was spending her summer, rehabbing her torn posterior cruciate

ligament (PCL) and preparing for the upcoming gymnastics season.

"Honestly, it was awesome when we found out that's where Justin would be," Paula Bencsko, Justin and Whitney's mother, said. "There was a one in a million chance that he would end up playing baseball in the same town in that same area as Whitney. It's pretty unbelievable if you ask me."

Paula said before the draft, Justin told his mother that if he was drafted by the Pirates he would probably play in State College. But not knowing where he would go in the draft or if he would get selected at all for that matter, the probability of that seemed slim.

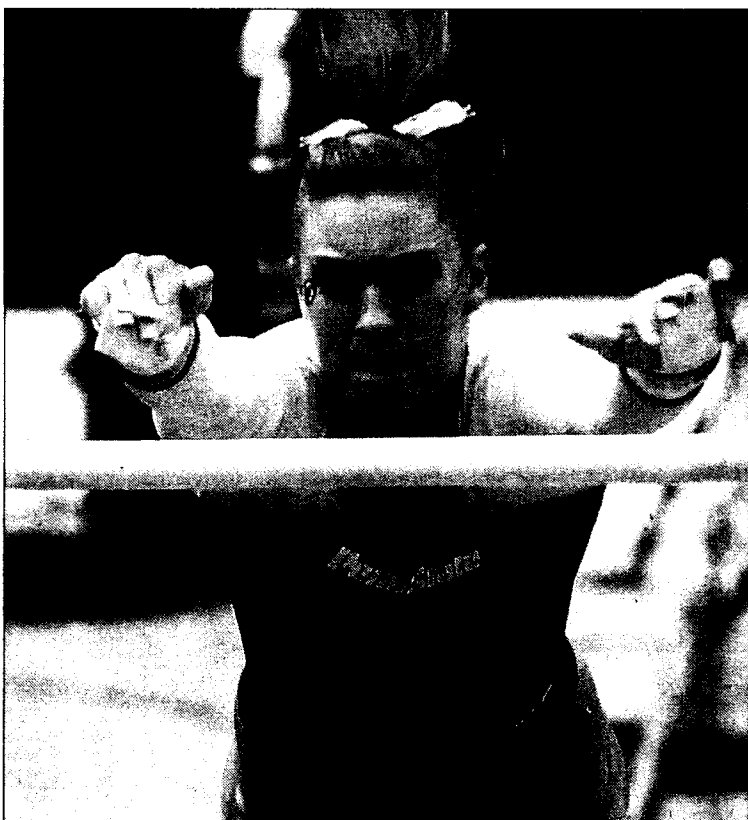
"We just sort of laughed about like what are the chances of that ever happening and then low and behold it did," Paula said. "So it was like the perfect situation actually."

Justin and Whitney, natives of Pompton Plains, N.J., and graduates of Pequannock High School, had been relegated to only seeing each other on holiday breaks from school since Whitney came to Happy Valley in the fall of 2008. Even during the summer they didn't see much of each other because Justin would always play summer baseball.

There is no doubt this summer is different.



Justin Bencsko lashes at a pitch on July 1. After playing collegiately at Villanova, Bencsko began his professional career in State College.



Whitney Bencsko competes on bars Feb. 20. Due to different schedules the Bencsko siblings had not seen each other much before this summer.

Since Justin arrived, Whitney has tried to catch as many of the Spikes' 11 home games as possible. Justin has started in 10 of those 11 games at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park and has started all eight road games. He is tied for first on the Spikes with six stolen bases thus far.

"I think the first game was the coolest because we walked in and it was like 'Oh, wow. He's actually down there. He's actually playing,'" Whitney said. "It's crazy. You don't think like 'My brother is actually going to be down there.' And it's so convenient, so easy."

When Whitney was younger, she enjoyed going to her brother's little league games, especially when Justin's Little League All-Star Team — which was coached by their father — won the New Jersey state championship and traveled to Bristol, Conn. to play for a spot in the Little League World Series. Justin's team eventually lost to the team from the Bronx, led by Danny Almonte, and failed to qualify, but Whitney along with other girls who had brothers on the team loved going to the games.

Justin would do his best to

return the favor and go to Whitney's gymnastics meets, but it was tough because he was busy with baseball, not to mention soccer and basketball, sports he played through high school.

"Gymnastics is tough because you go to those meets and you're there for five hours and you watch them do one event," said Whitney. "So I made it some that I could."

However, Justin, has yet to make it to Rec Hall to see his sister compete for the Nittany Lions. The one time he was ever in State College before this summer was last fall, when he witnessed Penn State's 21-10 loss to Iowa at Beaver Stadium. He hopes to make it to one of his sister's meets this coming winter, during the baseball off-season.

"The kids are all close," Paula said.

"Their close at times and then their situations take them apart like they were at different schools, each of them very busy. They'd keep in contact, but this is a nice little bonding experience."

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Peavy goes on DL with detached muscle

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CHICAGO -- The Chicago White Sox right-hander Jake Peavy was put on the 15-day disabled list because of a detached muscle in the back of his right shoulder, an injury that will almost certainly end his season.

"Obviously this isn't good news," Peavy said Wednesday after having an MRI. "You know ... having something completely detached from the bone that's retracted down in my lat. Not good."

Peavy was hurt early in Chicago's victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night. With two outs in the second inning, Peavy delivered a 2-2 pitch to Mike Napoli and then jumped off the mound and raised his right arm before walking straight to the dugout with team trainer Herm Schneider.

The team described the injury as a detached latissimus dorsi muscle in his right posterior shoulder.

Peavy said the injury was so rare that he would visit or consult with two of the leading orthopedic surgeons in the country, Dr. James

Andrews and Dr. Lewis Yocum, to figure out what will be his next step.

"Obviously surgery looks the way that we probably have to go and if that is it, we'll just ride it, you know," Peavy said.

"We're going to go the best road, whatever the doctors think feels best for me and my career. We're going to do it and obviously I'm going to bust it in rehab and do all I can to be back and be back feeling better and healthier than I am."

That's likely not going to be this season.

A former Cy Young Award winner with the San Diego Padres,

Peavy is 7-6 with a 4.63 ERA in 17 starts this season. The White Sox had won 20 of their last 25 games through Tuesday to climb back into the AL Central race.

Peavy pitched through a sore shoulder last month but said after he was hurt Tuesday night he wasn't sure if that was connected to the latest problem.

"This was almost in an area different from the other one," Peavy said of his earlier discomfort.

"I don't think anybody made any bad choices here. ... I don't think anybody is at fault here, myself for wanting to be out there, the team for letting me be out there."