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Broncos' Henry wins appeal of suspension

Denver Broncos running back Travis Henry won his appeal of a one-year suspension over a failed drug test Tuesday. The NFL informed Henry in September he had failed a test for marijuana.

He disputed the results and sued the NFL to avoid a suspension. He contended the league violated its policy by not allowing an expert of Henry's choosing to be present for the testing. Henry earned the support of coach Mike Shanahan after he passed a polygraph test and had a hair sample come back negative. But league spokesman Greg Aiello said that had no bearing. "The defense of hair samples and lie-detector tests was irrelevant and unconvincing," Aiello said in a statement. The Broncos issued a statement that said they were pleased with the outcome.



Henry: Disputed drug test.

Grand jury says 17-year-old shot Taylor

Eric Rivera, the 17-year-old arrested in the death of Sean Taylor, was accused Tuesday of firing the shot that killed the Washington Redskins safety. A Miami-Dade grand jury identified Rivera as the gunman in its indictment. Rivera and his three co-defendants were indicted by the grand jury on charges of first-degree felony murder and armed burglary. Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20, were ordered held without bail. The three will remain at the Miami-Dade County jail under suicide watch after Judge John Thornton Jr.'s ruling. Rivera was being transported from Fort Myers to Miami-Dade on Tuesday night and will make a court appearance this morning. Taylor, 24, died Nov. 27, a day after he was shot in the bedroom of his home. Police have said he was the victim of a botched burglary.

No. 2 Memphis holds off USC in OT

Derrick Rose gave Memphis the lead for good with two free throws 39 seconds into overtime as the No. 2 Tigers defeated Southern California 62-58 on Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic at Madison Square Garden in New York. Memphis is 7-0; USC dropped to 6-3.

Duke women in unfamiliar territory

Tennessee and Connecticut remain the top two in the USA TODAY/ESPN women's basketball coaches' poll this week, but Duke is in territory it hasn't seen since the 20th century. The Blue Devils (6-3) are 15th in the poll released Tuesday, their lowest ranking since Dec. 20, 1999, when they also were 15th.

Kipyego wins Honda for cross country

Texas Tech's Sally Kipyego, two-time NCAA Division I women's cross country champion, was named winner of the Honda Award for her sport Tuesday. The junior from Kenya claimed her second NCAA title last month to cap a second consecutive undefeated season.

Compiled by Mark Hayes with staff and wire reports

Sports Weekly

On newsstands today: How Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger prepares for each game. In college football, San Diego QB Josh Johnson has drawn the interest of NFL scouts. Plus, an in-depth look at what's ahead for the Orioles and Nationals.

Our view

► **Sports on TV:** The NBA expands scope of TV games, even if coaches object, Michael Hiestand says, 2C
► Jon Saraceno's column doesn't appear today.

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Long-range shooters reside in desert

Three of the five best three-point shooters currently in the NBA play for the Phoenix Suns. Active players with the highest career three-point field goal percentage:



Jason Kapon	Toronto	.463
Steve Nash	Phoenix	.427
Leandro Barbosa	Phoenix	.414
Ben Gordon	Chicago	.412
Raja Bell	Phoenix	.411

Source: NBA Note: Statistics through Sunday

By Ellen J. Horrow and Keith Simmons, USA TODAY



College football coaches' pay

A school-by-school look, bargains and busts, how bonuses figure in, 8-9C

► Coaches' average salary tops \$1 million for first time, including four making \$3 million or more, 1A



At collegefootball.usatoday.com: Sortable salaries database

Tigers land Cabrera, Willis from Marlins

By Bob Nightengale
USA TODAY

NASHVILLE — The Detroit Tigers, trying to ensure that the winner of the Johan Santana sweepstakes isn't necessarily the World Series favorite, fortified their championship hopes by agreeing to the biggest trade of the winter.

The Tigers came to terms Tuesday with the Florida Marlins on a deal to acquire four-time All-Star third baseman Miguel Cabrera and former 22-game winner Dontrelle Willis for six players — including top prospects Cameron Maybin and starter Andrew Miller, according to a high-ranking Marlins official and two other executives involved in the trade talks. The deal won't be official until the medical reports on the players are finalized.

Motor City men: Miguel Cabrera, left, and Dontrelle Willis were the last two members of the Marlins' 2003 championship team.



By Rick Bowmer, AP

"I went from being excited to being ecstatic," said Tigers outfielder Jacque Jones, part of a team that now has seven All-Stars and five 20-plus home run hitters. "We sure look good on paper."

The Tigers, who began trade talks with Florida a day earlier,

will not surrender a player scheduled to open the 2008 season. The Tigers will also include catcher Mike Rabelo and minor league pitchers Dallas Trahern, Eulogio de la Cruz, and Burke Badenhop in the trade.

"The Tigers are going to be pretty darn good," said Atlanta

Florida's stars move north

Players involved in the Tigers-Marlins trade:

Tigers get

► **3B Miguel Cabrera:** 34 homers, 119 RBI, .320
► **LHP Dontrelle Willis:** 10-15, 5.17 ERA

Marlins get

► **LHP Andrew Miller:** 5-5, 5.63 ERA
► **OF Cameron Maybin:** one homer, two RBI, .143
► **C Mike Rabelo:** one homer, 18 RBI, .256
► **Three minor league right-handers:** Eulogio de la Cruz, Burke Badenhop, Dallas Trahern

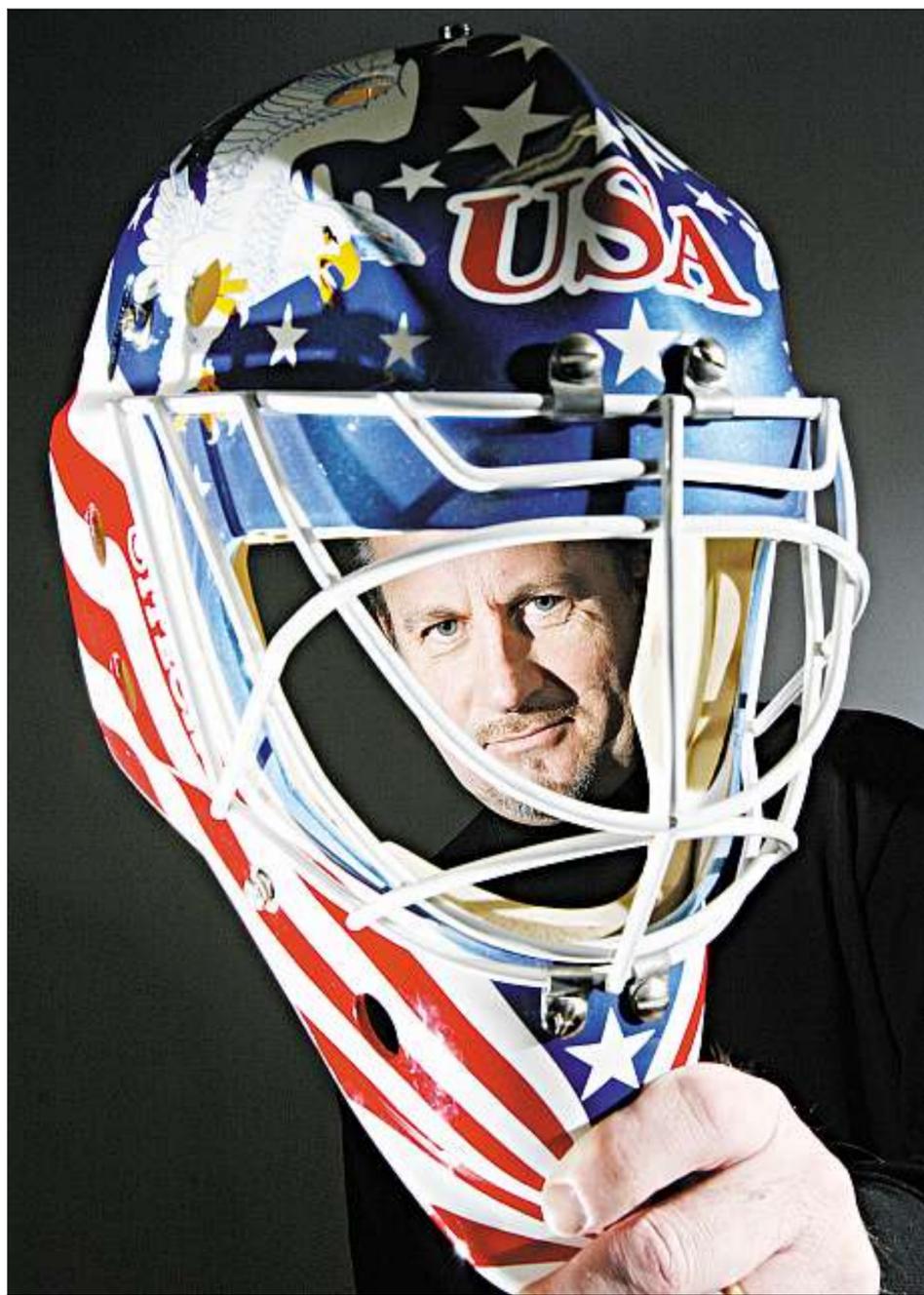
► Breaking down the deal, 5C

Braves manager Bobby Cox, whose team traded All-Star shortstop Edgar Renteria to Detroit for prospects last month.

Said Tigers DH Gary Sheffield: "We just got another A-Rod, and he'll be playing third base for the Tigers."

Cabrera and Willis, the last

two members of the Marlins' 2003 World Series championship team, have been two of the finest young stars in the NL. Cabrera, 24, hit 34 homers and drove in 119 RBI last season. Willis, 25, is 68-54 but struggled the last two years with a 22-27 record.



Photos by Sean Kilpatrick for USA TODAY

Handiwork: Designer Frank Cipra, 49, of Brookville, Ontario, holds up a mask made for Ray Leblanc for the 1992 Olympics.

Masks can be revealing

Goalies can show their personalities, send a message

By Kevin Allen
USA TODAY

Masks, by definition, are meant to hide one's identity. But in the NHL, a goalkeeper's mask, in addition to protecting the player, is painted with the idea of showing off his identity.

"It's unique in sports to be able to express yourself," says Nashville Predators goalie Chris Mason, whose painted mask pays tribute to his team's city and to his family. "Part of the reason I love being a goalie is that you can have some form of personal expression on your mask."

Cover story

As pro leagues seemingly try to curtail individualism through rules about what can't be worn or done on the field, the NHL celebrates, even promotes, the goalie's right to turn essential equipment into works of art. "Like snowflakes and fingerprints, no two masks are alike anymore, which is fabulous for the goalies and fans," says Frank Brown, the NHL's group vice president for media relations.

As proof: the gargoyle of Dallas Star Marty Turco, the "Be-ware of the Bear" theme of Boston Bruin Tim Thomas and Atlanta Thrasher Johan Hedberg's salute to his "Moose" nickname.

"Each mask is a story," says Versus network and Thrashers analyst Darren Eliot, who played goalie in the NHL in the



Paint supply: Designers say painting an elaborate mask can take up to 60 hours to complete and cost \$2,000.

► A look at some of the coolest masks; embracing 'creative control,' 6C

► Penalized Flyers skating on thin ice with commissioner's office, 7C

Go team-by-team as NHL goalies tell the stories behind their masks in a photo gallery at nhl.usatoday.com.

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Study: Steroids found in diet aids

Tests also reveal illegal stimulants

By A.J. Perez
USA TODAY

Pro and amateur athletes and weekend warriors who consume supplements to get in shape or stay there might be getting more than what they paid for — such as small amounts of steroids and illegal stimulants including ephedrine.

A study scheduled to be released today and obtained by USA TODAY reports that 13 of the 52 supplements (25%) purchased at various U.S. retailers contained small amounts of steroids and six (11.5%) had banned stimulants.

The study was overseen by Informed-Choice, a non-profit coalition of dietary-supplement companies. Testing was conducted by HFL, a lab approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency and located in England.

"We were very surprised by these results," said Dave Hall, CEO of HFL.

► **Tainted supplements can ruin lives, 3C**

A study by the International Olympic Committee conducted from 2000 to 2002 showed 18.8% of the 240 supplements purchased in the USA contained steroids.

Officials from Informed-Choice and HFL declined to reveal which supplements were tested or where they were purchased, but Hall said some of best-selling brands were randomly selected, mostly from mall-based stores.

"We didn't go after products that appeared to be dubious," Hall said. "We wanted to test products that were standard and mainstream, something a high school kid would be attracted to."

John Barnes, the football coach at Los Alamitos (Calif.) High, was alarmed at the results.

"It's not good if a kid can find these things in a health-food store," he said. "As a father and a coach, you think anything they'd find there would be perfectly fine, and then you find out that it's banned. This is something I'm going to start talking to my players about right away."

Of the 10 categories of supplements tested, testosterone boosters were flagged the most often. Six of the nine boosters contained androstenedione, a steroid precursor used by Mark McGwire en route to setting the single-season home run mark in 1998.

Andro was made illegal nearly three years ago.

Kelly Hoffman, executive director of Informed-Choice, said most banned substances are finding their way into products inadvertently — for instance, when manufacturers fail to properly clean equipment. She said raw materials imported from Asia, India and Eastern Europe also can be contaminated.

The Food and Drug Administration is taking on a more active role in policing supplements, including taking reports of adverse effects of the products starting Dec. 22.