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Stubbs named All-American

Even though the Cincinnati Reds selected him in the first round of this season's draft, Drew Stubbs is still making news in college baseball.

The center fielder earned his second All-America selection of the season Tuesday when the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America voted him as a third team All-American.

This vote follows Stubbs' second-team selection by Collegiate Baseball on June 2.

Stubbs was one of 58 total athletes selected to the NCBWA All-American teams, and he is one of just four players out of the Big 12.

With this season's selections, Stubbs has now reached All-American status in each of the past two seasons after being named a Freshman All-American in 2004.

Along with his All-America selections, Stubbs also holds this season's Co-Big 12 Player of the Year award.

And Stubbs may not be done accumulating amateur awards just yet. He is still one of the five finalists for the Golden Spikes Award, which honors the top amateur baseball player in the country.

— Ricky Treon

Warrant issued for Detroit hitter

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. — An arrest warrant for Dmitri Young was issued Tuesday after the Detroit Tigers designated hitter failed to appear for a pretrial hearing on a domestic violence charge.

Young is accused of choking a 21-year-old woman from Toledo, Ohio, April 14 at a Birmingham hotel.

A judge ruled Tuesday that information provided by Young's attorney on the player's whereabouts did not meet a requirement that he leave the state only for work-related purposes. Judge Diane D'Agostini of the 48th District Court in Bloomfield Hills issued a bench warrant.

Young's attorney, William Swor, and the Tigers declined to comment.

Neither Swor nor Young were present for the pretrial hearing Monday. Swor faxed a request to D'Agostini on Monday afternoon, asking that the hearing be delayed because he was scheduled to be in federal court in Miami for a different case.

At Tuesday's hearing, Assistant Oakland County prosecutor Tare Wigod told D'Agostini that Swor told him Young had a medical emergency and was out of state.

But D'Agostini rejected the request for a delay and demanded proof by the end of the day that Young was housed at a legitimate medical facility. She also ordered Swor to appear in her courtroom on Friday.

Administrator Jim Harkins said the court received a fax from Young's attorney but it did not reflect the conditions of his bond. He declined to reveal the contents of the fax.

If convicted of the misdemeanor charge, 32-year-old Young could face up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

—The Associated Press

Dwayne wades through Mavs in Game 3

Wade's milestone 42 points overshadow Nowitzki's 30

By Tom Withers
 The Associated Press

MIAMI — Hours before the biggest game of his life and the most important in this city's hoop history, Dwyane Wade, brimming with confidence and South Beach coolness, gave his take on the NBA finals.

"It's not over," he said. Not if he says so.

Wade scored 42 points and orchestrated a furious fourth-quarter Miami comeback that reached its crescendo on Gary Payton's jumper with 9.3 seconds left as the Heat escaped with a 98-

96 win over the Dallas Mavericks in Game 3 on Tuesday night.

The Heat rallied from a 13-point deficit in the final 6:34 to keep alive a series that looked to be over with Dallas up 2-0.

"As a team, we just came out and said this could be the season if they win this game," Wade said. "We came out, ran our offense to the crisp, locked down on defense and came back and won this game."

Despite blowing its big lead, Dallas still had plenty of chances late but Dirk Nowitzki missed one of two free throws with 3.4 seconds to go and the Mavericks couldn't convert on an inbound play in the final second thanks to Wade, who tipped away the last gasp pass after scoring 15 points in the fourth quarter.

As the final horn sounded, Heat fans simultaneously exhausted and exhilarated, tossed their "White Hot" white T-shirts into the air, a celebration that seemed unimaginable just a few minutes earlier.

Now, after watching Wade's heroics and Shaquille O'Neal and Udonis Haslem hit four straight crucial free throws in final two minutes, they're coming back for Game 4 on Thursday night.

Miami was down and apparently done after Jason Terry's basket made it 89-76 with 6:34 remaining.

That's when Wade, playing with five fouls and conjuring memories of Michael Jordan's playoff miracles, decided it was

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Miami Heat forward Antoine Walker, left, comes up with a rebound in the first quarter against the Dallas Mavericks. The Heat defeated the Mavericks Tuesday 98-96 in Miami.

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 Associated Press

Fallen on hard times



Pat Sullivan | Associated Press

Traditional National League powers struggling to keep up with opponents

By Ricky Treon
 Daily Texan Columnist

For the most part, Major League Baseball is predictable. The National League has more quality teams, but the American League is more top heavy and will usually win both the All-Star game and the World Series.

That means that within the NL, the competition leading up to the postseason is very tough. And lately, two of the teams that are known for providing some of the toughest competition haven't exactly been living up to their normal moniker.

So when the Houston Astros and Atlanta Braves meet every year, there is never any love lost, because each team realizes the fact that they may meet in October. Those series have produced some of the most memorable moments in both teams' recent playoff histories — 18-inning marathons, walk-off homers, ... you get the picture.

But there was a different feel when the two teams met for a four-game series last week. Unlike recent years — when both teams knew they had a legitimate shot at making it to the NL Championship Series — both teams were just playing catch-up in their own divisions this season while trying desperately to maintain a .500 record.

And that is something fans of both ball clubs did not expect — especially those in Atlanta.

The Braves are not just the defending NL East champions; they've held that title for 14 consecutive seasons. Atlanta was the team to beat in that division, and most of the time other teams seemed to just step aside and let the juggernaut through.

But with each passing game, it becomes clearer that the NL East title won't find its way back to Atlanta. And ironically, the Braves' problems lie this season with last season's saving grace: the team's youth.

In a season that was used for rebuilding, Atlanta had three rookies take over in the field last year. Led by Rookie of the Year candidate Jeff Francour and Ryan Langerhans, they took Atlanta back



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Above, Atlanta Braves' Chipper Jones tosses his helmet after striking out swinging in the first inning against the Houston Astros in National League baseball Thursday in Houston. Left, Houston Astros starting pitcher Taylor Buchholz wipes the sweat off as he struggles in the third inning against the Atlanta Braves in National League baseball Saturday in Houston.

atop the division. Now they are all in a sophomore slump, which so far has spelled disaster for the Kings of the NL East.

But even with the struggling youngsters, veterans like the Chipper and Andruw Jones and ace John Smoltz would've been enough to bring Atlanta No. 15 if it weren't for the return of the 'Mazing Mets.

With its recent acquisitions of Carlos Beltran, Carlos Delgado and ace Pedro Martinez, that other New York team has quickly turned itself into a major player

in the NL. Some have already tabbed the Mets as the league's representative in the World Series.

It's a little sad, but the Braves' reign as the rulers of the East will most likely end this year without a trip to the postseason, marking the conclusion of one of the greatest stretches any team has ever had in the history of the league.

The Astros are also in the midst of per-

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Ex-Duke star arrested, charged with drunken driving

Redick represented 'very best in college athletics' coach says

By SAMUEL SPIES
 The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke basketball star J.J. Redick was arrested early Tuesday on charges of drunken driving, another blow to a school shaken by a lacrosse scandal.

Redick, The Associated Press Player of the Year, was also charged with unlawful use of highways for making an illegal U-turn.

Redick, who has a Virginia driver's license, lost his driving privileges in North Carolina for 30 days, police spokeswoman Kammie Michael said.

The 21-year-old Redick was released on \$1,000 bond shortly after being taken before a

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J.J. Redick, former Duke basketball star

Durham County magistrate. He is to appear in court July 17. The arresting officer wrote in his report that Redick had "very

glassy eyes, strong odor of alcohol coming from breath."

Redick had a blood-alcohol level of 0.11 percent. The legal limit for drivers in North Carolina is 0.08.

"I regret what happened last night and want to apologize to my family and the Duke community for the incident," Redick said in a statement issued by the university.

Redick finished his career as the leading scorer in Atlantic Coast Conference history. He is expected to be a high first-round pick in the June 28 NBA draft.

On Monday, he canceled a scheduled Wednesday workout with the Orlando Magic, who have the No. 11 pick in



Duke's J.J. Redick goes up for a shot during the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship game. Redick was arrested early Tuesday, on charges of drunken driving.

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TREON: Clemens too little too late for ailing Astros, Braves hopeless in West

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haps their best run in franchise history. They've become a force in the NL playoffs and made it to their first World Series last season. With that success, however, came the expectation that the Astros will continue to produce.

And in a city as sports-crazy as Houston, the Astros not performing is no laughing matter. Houston sports fans don't have much to root for anymore. The Rockets are no longer perennial NBA contenders and the Texans are coming off of their worst season in franchise history. Then there's that whole passing on Vince Young and Reggie Bush thing, but that's a different column altogether.

So now that the Astros are the big team in the biggest Texas city, there's a lot to live up to. But with Brad Lidge looking more like Charlie Sheen in "Major League II," and Houston's bats unable to pick up the slack, the Astros are looking like a team that might

let down its ever-increasing fan base.

Even the return of the Rocket won't be able to propel this team to where it wants to be. Legendary pitcher Roger Clemens still has what it takes, and is already looking like the Superman that the Astros are expecting after racking up 17 strikeouts while pitching for Houston's Single-A Lexington and Double-A Corpus Christi.

But Clemens can't pitch every day, and he won't make up enough ground on St. Louis or Cincinnati, a squad which some are calling the rebirth of the Big Red Machine.

The Astros took three of the four games against the tanking Braves and now sit at .500, while Atlanta fell 10 games behind the Mets. So Houston has the better chance of not losing all of what it has built up in recent years.

But the sad truth is that both of these teams, which have been so good, have suddenly slid down into the pit of mediocrity for at least one season.



Houston Astros catcher Brad Ausmus gets control of the ball as Atlanta Braves' Jeff Francoeur, left, charges him at the plate Thursday in Houston. Francoeur was out trying to score from third base on a bases-loaded sacrifice fly by John Thomson.

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Associated Press

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time for him to take over.

He hit a jumper, completed a 3-point play and dropped in another bucket to bring the Heat within five. Then, after a miss by Nowitzki, Wade drove baseline, and hit a floater to make it 91-88 with 3:36 to go.

Dallas, meanwhile, which had shown so much poise, was coming apart at the seams. Nowitzki's two free throws slowed Miami for a moment, but O'Neal, whose abysmal foul shooting had contributed to Miami's 0-2 deficit in the series, calmly spun in two attempts to pull the Heat within three.

Wade's jumper got Miami within a point, and Haslem came up with the play of the game, picking off a pass intended for Nowitzki. Haslem, playing with a badly bruised shoulder suffered in Game 2, was fouled and the Heat's toughest player made both attempts after firing bricks on his first four tries.

Then, with the game tied, Payton, the defensive specialist, knocked down a 21-foot jumper — just his second field goal of the series.



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Alonzo Mourning gestures during the fourth quarter of the the Heat's 98-96 Game 3 win over the Mavericks Tuesday.

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the draft. Magic spokesman Joel Glass declined to say why Redick backed out, and no workout has been rescheduled.

"J.J. knows he made a mistake and regrets it," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said in a statement. "He represented the very best in college athletics and exhibited outstanding character at Duke the last four years. He is and

will continue to be a credit to the Duke basketball family. As his friend and his coach, he has my total support."

Redick was arrested soon after 1 a.m. when he turned around as he approached a license check point near the Duke campus, Michael said. He pulled into a parking lot of an apartment complex after police pursued him.

"There wasn't a chase. He didn't run from them," Michael said. "He

was pretty cooperative."

Redick holds the NCAA career record for 3-pointers. The guard averaged nearly 27 points a game last season.

"J.J. is an outstanding student-athlete of the highest character," his agent, Arn Tellem, said in a statement. "He is (an) exemplary role model and a credit to his family and the entire Duke community. This is nothing more than an isolated incident."

Roethlisberger faring well after sustaining concussions, fractures

Quarterback expected to be opening day starter despite accident

By Alan Robinson
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger could be out of the hospital in a few days and appears likely to play this season after a bloody motorcycle accident in which his helmetless head shattered a car windshield.

The Steelers' Super Bowl-winning quarterback was upgraded to fair condition at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, a day after the scary accident at a busy Pittsburgh intersection left him and his team shaken.

Despite being tossed high into the air after his made-for-speed motorcycle rammed into a car, causing him to smack his head on the car's windshield, Roethlisberger escaped career-threatening injuries.

Doctors did not discuss Roethlisberger's condition in detail, at the request of his family, but the quarterback's only major injuries were to his face: a broken upper and lower jaw, a loss of two teeth, a broken nose, broken facial bones, and various cuts and bruises.

Jaw injuries can vary greatly in nature and, because of the rather limited protection provided by a football helmet, have the potential to sideline a player for a lengthy period. But the surgeons who operated on Roethlisberger for seven hours Monday said all of his fractures were successfully repaired.

If that is the case, then Roethlisberger might miss part or most of training camp but could be ready for the Sept. 7 opener against Miami. For the Steelers, who would otherwise go into the season with backup Charlie Batch and rookie Omar Jacobs at quarterback, that is the best possible scenario after an accident that left huge splotches of Roethlisberger's

dried blood on a city street.

Dr. Larry Jones, the chief of Mercy Hospital's trauma unit, said Roethlisberger's brain was functioning normally, although the QB has a concussion.

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Dr. Larry Jones,
chief of Mercy Hospital's
trauma unit

"He is awake, alert, oriented and is resting with his family by his side," Jones said during a news briefing, which reporters were not allowed to ask questions.

The 24-year-old Roethlisberger, the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl, was initially listed in serious, but stable condition following the accident.

Astros beat Cubs in Chi-town

Burke scores 5 runs to tie team record in 9-2 victory

By Rick Gano

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chris Burke got on the bases Tuesday night and kept running.

Burke homered, had three singles, walked and scored five runs to tie a club record, helping Andy Pettitte and the Houston Astros beat the Chicago Cubs 9-2.

"Tonight was a fun night," said Burke, who two days ago had to leave a game after being hit in the elbow with a pitch. "I was able to get on base and score some runs. Guys in the middle were swinging the bat great."

Lance Berkman and Preston Wilson did just that, driving in three runs each for Houston.

Pettitte (6-7) earned his first career victory over the Cubs, retiring 12 straight after he was struck by Juan Pierre's line drive leading off the third inning. The veteran lefty did not give up another hit until Phil Nevin's leadoff homer in the seventh.

"I was glad after I took that shot on the inside of my (right) leg, I was able to stay in the game," Pettitte said. "I had a few nicks and bruises tonight. It's crazy the way that works."

Houston has won six of its last seven to move back over the .500 mark for the first time since May 30.

The Cubs, who had a three-game winning streak snapped, loaded the bases with one out in the eighth on three straight singles before Dan Wheeler struck out Nevin and got Matt Murton on a grounder to third.

"Just a tough day for us," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said, summing up the loss.

Pierre's liner smacked Pettitte so hard the ball ricocheted to first baseman Lance Berkman. He tried to flip to a limping Pettitte who couldn't get to the

bag in time as the speedy Pierre reached on an infield single.

Pettitte then threw some warmup pitches to make sure he was OK and stayed in the game and actually got stronger until the seventh. Now 1-2 in seven career starts against the Cubs, Pettitte walked one and struck out five while throwing 116 pitches.

"It seems like if I have a little something nagging me or whatever, it seems like I sometimes pitch better," Pettitte said.

"I think that's his problem. He's been feeling too good," joked Astros manager Phil Garner. "So we're going to take him out and whack him a few times before his next start."

Burke's second homer of the season, a solo shot, got the

single and Wilson a run-scoring double. Burke scored his fifth run in the ninth to equal the mark done three times by Craig Biggio, the last in 1996 at Colorado.

Marshall allowed seven hits and five runs in four innings plus and lost his fourth straight decision. His disappointing outing came six days after he gave up just four hits and a run in seven innings against the Astros at Minute Maid Park.

•Cubs C Michael Barrett said that Friday is a possible hearing date for the appeal of his 10-game suspension for punching White Sox's catcher A.J. Pierzynski and setting off a brawl last month. •Roy Oswalt was activated off the disabled list Tuesday night and

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Astros pitcher

Astros started in the first, and Berkman's two-run double knocked Chicago rookie Sean Marshall (3-5) out in the fifth as Houston built a 5-0 lead.

"We've had a good rhythm lately offensively," Burke said. "We've been scoring some runs."

The Astros also scored two in the second on RBI singles by Jason Lane and Wilson.

"It was pretty much just me tonight. I fell behind hitters early and found trouble," Marshall said.

Wilson hit another RBI single, off Angel Guzman in the seventh, to make it 6-0.

Houston tacked on three more runs in the top of the ninth as Berkman had an RBI

will start Wednesday night's game. It will be his start since May 29. He's been bothered by a sore back.

•Astros 3B Morgan Ensberg sat out his third straight game with a bruised shoulder but said he hopes to play Wednesday night. •Rehabbing Cubs RHP Mark Prior pitched 6 2-3 innings for Triple-A Iowa in a game at New Orleans on Tuesday night and looked like he might be ready to soon come off the disabled list. Prior allowed four hits and an unearned run while walking one and striking out 10.

•Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis led the singing during the seventh inning stretch.

said Tuesday. "Now all the QB contracts may have something in them and then it might start tapering into the wideouts and into the running backs, generally your high-priced guys."

Vincent said he has ridden motorcycles, but never without a helmet.

In May 2005, Cowher warned Roethlisberger about his riding habits after Cleveland tight end Kellen Winslow was injured in a motorcycle accident. Winslow tore knee ligaments and was lost for the season.

"I wish all our players liked board games or low-risk hobbies," Cleveland Browns general manager Phil Savage said Tuesday. "Unfortunately, that's part of the reason that makes these guys professional athletes. They have a little bit of an edge to want to do more, seek more. Where's the line? I don't know that."

AP writers John Wawrow in Buffalo and Joe Millicia in Cleveland contributed to this story.