

SPORTS

Games people play

Out of Bounds

SAY WHAT?

"The rides through villages, the dinners with guys who have become my best friends, even the team meetings ... all of that I will never experience again. But it has sunk in and I'm doing a pretty good job of focusing. I feel excited and obligated to win."



Armstrong

Lance Armstrong, on what he's looking forward to during his final Tour de France, which starts with a time trial Saturday.

SPORTS QUIZ

Who said this? "He's a terrific guy and the world's quietest person. The night he broke Lou Gehrig's record, he went out and painted the town beige." (Answer below)

SCOREBOARD

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
Milwaukee 10, Chicago Cubs 6
Washington 7, Pittsburgh 5
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 3
Florida 6, Atlanta 2
Houston 2, Cincinnati 2, 7 innings, ppd., rain, tie
Colorado 7, St. Louis 0
San Francisco 9, Arizona 2

American League
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 1
Texas 18, L.A. Angels 5
Oakland 6, Seattle 2
Cleveland 9, Baltimore 3

TODAY'S TOP TICKET



BASEBALL

Pirates at Brewers, FSN, 7 p.m. Channel 29 on Janesville cable WCLO (1230 AM)

The Brewers are back home for a brief three-game stay before a trip to Florida and Atlanta.

The Pirates will send out Mark Redman (4-6, 3.42 ERA) against the Brewers' Tomo Ohka (5-4, 3.50). Redman likes to see anybody other than the St. Louis Cardinals. He is 0-2 with an ERA of 11.00 against the Redbirds. His record is 4-3 with a 2.71 ERA against everybody else.

Ohka is 3-1 with a 1.88 ERA in his career against the Pirates. Ohka has allowed two first-inning home runs in each of his last two starts after throwing a complete-game shutout in his Milwaukee debut.

THEY SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

Darick Holmes (34), Tony Bennett (38), Shawn Burr (39), Patrick McEnroe (39), Lynn Jennings (45), Nancy Lieberman Cline (47), Rod Gilbert (64).

THE NUMBER

20

Janesville's Travis Kvapil is starting to show signs that he is turning his Nextel Cup rookie season around. Kvapil has scored 578 points during the last six races, the 20th best total among all Cup drivers during that span. Kvapil has outscored Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. during the last six races.

THE ANSWER

Billy Ripken, the brother of Cal Ripken.

ON THIS DATE IN...

- 1859—Amherst defeats Williams, 66-32, in the first intercollegiate baseball game.
- 1920—Suzanne Lenglen of France becomes the first player to win three Wimbledon titles in one year, taking the singles, doubles and mixed doubles.
- 1932—Helen Moody wins her fifth women's singles title in six years at Wimbledon, defeating Helen Jacobs 6-3, 6-1.
- 1938—Don Budge defeats Henry Austin 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 to win the men's singles title and sweep the singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles at Wimbledon for the second straight year.
- 1951—Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians pitches his third career no-hitter, beating the Detroit Tigers 2-1.
- 1977—Britain's Virginia Wade wins the singles title on the 100th anniversary of Wimbledon, defeating Betty Stove 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

The Janesville Gazette

YOUR CONTACT

Sports Editor Dave Wedeward,
(608) 754-3311, Ext. 249
drwedeward@gazetteextra.com

Lee leads Brewers' offensive barrage against Cubs

Slugger slams pair of home runs in win

Knight Ridder Tribune

CHICAGO

The Milwaukee Brewers have become so reliant on Carlos Lee driving in big runs this season that it is scary to think where they would be without him.

Lee did his thing again Thursday afternoon, cracking two more homers and boosting his runs batted

in total to 72, tops in the majors. But the big slugger did not have to go it alone this time.

Lee had a lot of help as the Brewers pounded 16 hits, including 10 off future Hall of Famer Greg Maddux, in a 10-6 romp over the Chicago Cubs that prevented a three-game sweep at Wrigley Field.

Particularly productive were the Nos. 6-9 hitters in the starting lineup—Damian Miller, Geoff Jenkins, J.J. Hardy and pitcher Chris Ca-

puano—who combined to go 10 for 17 (.588) with four doubles, a home run and six runs batted in.

"This is the way we know these guys can be," said Lee, a lock to represent the Brewers in the All-Star Game. "We know Jenkins is a great hitter. You don't just stop hitting overnight. Jenkins is a proven big-league hitter. He's just going

through tough times."

Miller, Jenkins and Hardy have fought particular demons throughout the season, each seeking some semblance of offensive consistency. For Miller, the Wisconsin native who signed on for three years, it has been hitting with runners in scoring position.

When Miller stepped to the plate in the fifth inning with two on and two out, he was batting .185 with runners in scoring position, including a woeful .053 (1 for 19) mark with two down. Having scored three runs the previous inning to knot the score

at 5-5, the Cubs opted to intentionally walk Lyle Overbay to get to Miller.

"The smart thing to do was to walk Lyle," said Miller, ignoring his career .350 average against Maddux. "I hadn't had a hit with a runner in scoring position since, like, April 1."

Quickly down in the count, 0-2, Miller took an outside sinker the other way to right field for an RBI single that put the Brewers on top to stay. For good measure, he added a two-out homer in the seventh off Sergio Mitre—again, on a 0-2 pitch—that ignited a three-run rally.



Lee



A CLOSER LOOK

What: The 92nd Tour de France
When: Saturday through July 24. The race finishes along Paris' famed Champs-Elysees.
Distance: 2,236 miles in 21 stages. The stages include nine flat stages, three medium mountain stages, six mountain stages, two individual time-trial stages and one team time-trial stage.
Teams: The field consists of 21 teams of nine riders each, for a total of 189 riders.

ON TV

The Outdoor Life Network (Channel 31 Janesville cable) will air live coverage of the Tour de France daily from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
The network will also air primetime coverage of the race from 7 to 10 p.m. daily through July 24.

Who's next?



Danielson



Farrar



Landis



Zabriskie

Six-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong says he's retiring after this year's race. Here's a look at some of the riders that have a chance to be cycling's next big star:

Name: Tom Danielson
Age: 27
Resume: Won 2003 Tour de Toona, Cascade Cycling Classic, Tour de Langkawi, 2001 college mountain bike champ

Name: Tyler Farrar
Age: 21
Resume: Won 2004 Tour de Delta; Under-23 National Time Trial champion; won Grote Prijs Soetens Molen; won Man-

hattan Beach Grand Prix
Name: Floyd Landis
Age: 29
Resume: Top 10 finishes in two stages of 2004 Tour de France; 2nd in 2002 Dauphine Libere

Name: Levi Leipheimer (not pictured)
Age: 31
Resume: Finished 8th in 2002 Tour de France, 9th in 2004 Tour

Name: Dave Zabriskie
Age: 26
Resume: 5th at 2003 Tour of Georgia; 5th in 2002 Sea Otter Classic



1999



2000



2001

Six-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong wants to make his final race one to remember

Associated Press

CHALLANS, FRANCE

This ride will be different because it's his last—and so will Lance Armstrong. For a change, he'll savor the sights along the Tour de France route and even the strategy meetings with his Discovery Channel team. Just don't expect his heightened awareness to distract him from focusing on winning his seventh Tour in a row.

"I know there will be key moments," he said Thursday, 48 hours before the start, "and I want to savor that because next year I'll be on the other side of the table with all the old guys."

"The rides through villages, the dinners with guys who have become my best friends, even the team meetings ... all of that I will never experience again. But it has sunk in and I'm doing a pretty good job of focusing. I feel excited and obligated to win."

Armstrong begins his farewell on Saturday with a 11.8-mile sprint from Fromentine to Noirmoutier-en-l'Île. On July 24, he will ride around the Champs-Elysees for the final time as a professional athlete.

Speaking at a news conference and flanked by team director Johan Bruyneel, Armstrong looked and sound-

ed relaxed. It was in stark contrast to last year, when he acknowledged he felt the burden of history. Armstrong's sixth win put him one ahead of Eddy Merckx, Miguel Indurain, Bernard Hinault and Jacques Anquetil.

"I was nervous last year ... I had the impression I was up against ... not a demon ... but something else," he said. "All the greats had never won six times and something told me it was not possible, like a higher reason."

But it was possible. "Winning last year was like a huge weight removed," he said.

The 33-year-old Armstrong acknowledged he wasn't performing up to his standard earlier in the year. He looked sluggish and weary at the Paris-Nice race in March and the Tour de Georgia in April.

"The older you get the higher the risk you have. I can't argue with my birth certificate. I had doubts but I never panicked that I would not be ready in time," he said. "The fact is that it's my last Tour and I have to find specific motivation within myself."

Armstrong says the design of this year's course makes it harder to judge than previous years. The opening in-



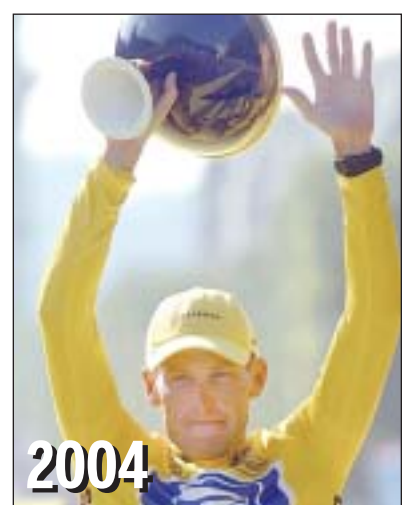
Turn to SEVEN on Page 4D



2002



2003



2004

Control woes, lackluster offense plague Legion in loss

Beloit scores four runs in first two innings

By John Barry

jbarry@gazetteextra.com

JANESVILLE

Janesville's American Legion baseball team continued its roller-coaster season Thursday night.

Cody Williams fired a complete-game six-hitter, and Chris Tudor knocked in a pair of runs as visiting Beloit ended Janesville's four-game winning streak with a 6-2 win at Riverside Park.

Janesville (9-5) trailed 4-0 after two innings and could not recover.

"We were very flat tonight," Janesville coach Matt Lipke said. "I thought Lance (Muzzillo) would throw strikes for us and make them put the ball in play, but he had trouble with his control."

"Offensively, we didn't get a lot of good swings in," Lipke added. "We

played well on Saturday and Sunday at the Barrington tournament, and in beating Oregon on Tuesday, but tonight the effort just wasn't there."

Beloit scored two runs in the first off Muzzillo (0-2). Morgan Pounds drew a leadoff walk and scored on Tudor's double. Tudor scored on a wild pitch, followed by Kris Beaumont's RBI groundout.

Beloit added two more runs in the second. Tudor knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly, and Nate Tilley scored on Matt Sweeney's throwing error at third. Beloit scored four runs off Muzzillo on just two hits.

"Lance has to throw strikes. That's all there is to it," Lipke said. "He's not going to throw the ball by anybody, but when he throws strikes he can be effective."

"I didn't want to use Joe (Bachmeyer) that early, but you can't give up four walks in one inning," he added.

Bachmeyer, who will be a senior at Janesville Parker, threw well in relief. The righty allowed only two runs on three hits through six innings.



Al Hoch/ahoch@gazetteextra.com

Janesville's Justin Hopper slides in safely ahead of Beloit third baseman Brandon Condon's tag in the fourth inning of Thursday's game.

Beloit made it 5-0 in the fourth before Janesville finally scored in its half of the inning. Justin Hopper doubled with one out and scored on Jared Bakke's RBI single. Hopper's double was Janesville's first hit of the game as Williams kept the home team in check.

Janesville scored again in the fifth on John Pohlman's RBI grounder that drove in Sean Stubbendick. Hopper and Bakke each finished with two hits, but Janesville struck out seven times against Williams.

"I don't think he was throwing that hard, but he had us swinging at

some bad pitches out of the strike zone," Lipke said of Williams. "We have to be more selective at the plate."

Janesville will begin play tonight in the Mike Grogan Benefit Tournament, with games scheduled against the two Janesville Junior Legion teams, as well as Plover.

"I'm going to let the younger kids play for the most part this weekend," Lipke said. "I'll get an opportunity to get a good look at some kids that haven't played a whole lot."

BELOIT 6, JANESVILLE 2

Beloit (ab-r-h-bi)—Pounds, rf, 1-1-0-0; Summers, rf, 1-1-0-0; Tudor, cf, 3-1-2-2; Beaumont, dh, 2-0-0-1; Wicks, dh, 0-1-0-1; Williams, p, 0-0-0-0; Crivello, zb, 3-0-1-1; Jones, lb, 3-0-1-0; Williams, c, 4-0-0-0; London, 3b, 3-0-0-0; Christopher, lf, 4-1-1-0; Tilley, ss, 2-1-0-0. Totals: 26-6-5-5.

Janesville (ab-r-h-bi)—Perry, rf, 3-0-0-0; Hopper, 2b, 3-1-2-0; Bakke, 1b, 3-0-2-1; Nolte, dh, 3-0-0-0; Muzzillo, p, 0-0-0-0; Bachmeyer, p, 0-0-0-0; Jass, cf, 3-0-0-0; Sweeney, 3b, 2-0-0-0; Martin, ph, 1-0-0-0; Stubbendick, ss, 3-1-1-0; Pohlman, lf, 3-0-1-1; Johnston, c, 1-0-0-0; Hendricks, c, 2-0-0-0. Totals: 27-2-6-2.

	Beloit	Janesville	R	H	E
Beloit	220	101	0	6	
Janesville	000	110	0	2	

E—Beloit 2, Janesville 2, LOB—Beloit 8, Janesville 5.
DP—Beloit 1, 2B—Tudor, Crivello, Hopper. **SF**—Tudor, Beaumont. **SB**—Stubbendick.

Beloit

	W	L	P	SH	SA
Williams (W)	7	6	2	2	1
Janesville					
Muzzillo (L, 0-2)	1	2	4	3	4
Bachmeyer	6	3	2	2	2