

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## Joe Coppens '08

■ Without injured star Steve DeLuca '08, the men's basketball team captain has adjusted to being the top option.

For his entire career, men's basketball guard Joe Coppens '08 has donned the No. 5 jersey. But after Coppens' shirt was bloodstained during last Friday night's game against Emory University, he was forced to wear a loose-fitting No. 40 jersey for the final six minutes of play.

"I didn't really notice the number," Coppens said. "The only thing I noticed was the jersey was three sizes too big for me. I was kind of swimming in it a little bit."

Despite the wardrobe malfunction, Coppens' performance was unaffected: He hit the final two free-throws to put Emory away for good in the overtime period, preserving a 90-85 victory for Brandeis.

Last weekend he helped the Judges' to victories over Emory and Case Western Reserve University. Coppens paced the team in scoring with 43 total points, including 34 in the second half of both games.

Coppens' highlight play came with 3:04 remaining in regulation against Emory. After two Terrell Hollins '10 foul shots tied the game

at 68, Coppens intercepted Emory junior guard John Kresse's inbounds pass, reset and sank a wide-open three-point attempt to give the Judges a 71-68 lead.

"I don't know if [I have] a knack for [making clutch shots]; just having the opportunities in key situations to be able to take the shot and knock it down," Coppens said.

Last Sunday against Case, Coppens scored 14 consecutive points for Brandeis in a four-minute span early in the second half.

Coppens, who leads Brandeis in scoring with 15.8 points per game, has been forced to adjust to being the team's top offensive option with the injury to forward Steve DeLuca '08.

"Picking up my scoring and outside shooting is good for the whole team," Coppens said. "It opens up a lot of things for other guys too, like Terrell [Hollins] and some of those inside guys, and it gives Kwame [Graves-Fulgham '08] and Andre [Roberson '10] more lanes to the basket."

—Jeffrey Pickette

# AP BRIEFS

## Davis provides the boost as Celtics top defending champion Spurs

BOSTON—Tim Duncan beat Glen "Big Baby" Davis a couple of times in the first quarter, and the disappointment on the rookie's face showed.

"We had to remind him that Duncan is really good. That's going to happen," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Sunday after Boston beat the San Antonio Spurs 98-90. "You can't get frustrated."

Filling in with Kevin Garnett and Kendrick Perkins injured, Davis had nine points and eight rebounds for Boston. Paul Pierce scored 35 points, Ray Allen had 19 and Rajon Rondo had 12 assists and 11 rebounds Sunday as the Celtics won their third-straight game improved to 16-0 against the Western Conference.

Tim Duncan had 22 points, 14 rebounds and six assists, and Manu Ginobili scored 21 for the Spurs, who lost for the first time in five games. San Antonio got within three points with 1 minute, 13 seconds left, but Michael Finley's three-point attempt went in and out.

Twice in the final minute Ginobili was forced to take off-balance, heavily guarded three-point attempts; neither one was close.

"We have an opportunity and a great shot by Mike that rattles in and out to tie the game down the stretch," Duncan said. "Then two turnovers in a row and they get two offensive rebounds. Just too many mistakes that bit us down the stretch there."

The Celtics improved to 5-2 since Garnett went out with an abdominal strain, and they'd better get used to it: Rivers said after the game that his big man—the leading All-Star vote-getter—won't be back before the Feb. 17 exhibition in New Orleans.

"He's out until after the All-Star break, I think including the All-Star game," Rivers said. "That I haven't talked to him about, but I assume so."

## Doctor says Schilling's career can only be saved by having surgery

FORT MYERS, Fla.—Curt Schilling's doctor insists the only way the 20-year veteran can pitch again is through surgery on a torn shoulder tendon that resembles strands of pasta.

Boston's team physician disagrees. He believes the tendon is damaged, not torn, and rehabilitation gives Schilling the best chance to play this year.

"The problem has probably been building up for two years, and he just went over the red line," Schilling's physician, Dr. Craig Morgan, said Friday. "Instead of being a single tendon, it's like three pieces of spaghetti or linguine, and when that happens it's end-stage disease in the tendon."

A third doctor, Mets medical director David Altchek, agreed that the tendon was torn but said surgery would probably sideline him for the season, Morgan said. Schilling, concerned that the Red Sox would invalidate his \$8 million, one-year contract if he chose surgery, then agreed to rehab.

"On our conference call on Wednesday it was their strong recommendation that he go with the conservative approach," Morgan said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press last Friday.

The team declined comment last Friday.

Schilling spent seven weeks on the disabled list last year with tendinitis in the shoulder. But he passed the physical exam for the contract he agreed to Nov. 6. Then, the shoulder deteriorated.

He couldn't shake hands or open a door without intense pain, Morgan said.

"I think his chance of coming back to pitching with rehab or a conservative approach is zero," Morgan said. "He might not come back after surgery, either. However, if the surgery is successful, he should be fully rehabbed by about All-Star break."

Schilling was 9-8 with a 3.87 ERA in 24 games last season. In the postseason, he went 3-0 with a 3.00 ERA to help the Red Sox win their second World Series title in four years. He is 216-146 with a 3.46 ERA in his career.

A career, Morgan said, that will end without surgery.

"Correct," he said. "I want to be very clear on that. Correct."

## Wild search yields unexpected result: Zorn is new Redskins coach

WASHINGTON, D.C.—After a suspenseful month of exhaustive interviews involving at least 10 candidates, the Washington Redskins decided their coach would be: none of the above.

Instead, it'll be first-timer Jim Zorn taking the mantle from Hall of Famer Joe Gibbs. Two weeks after being hired as the offensive coordinator, the former Seattle Seahawks quarterback was promoted to head coach Saturday night in a surprise ending to a secretive process that tried fans' patience and produced a new favorite every week.

The 54-year-old Zorn agreed to a five-year contract and will be introduced at a news conference Sunday.

"I've always dreamed of being a head coach with a franchise rich in tradition like the Redskins," Zorn said in a statement released by the team. "As a player who had to fight Redskins teams at RFK as well as at our home field, I know about the history of this franchise as well as the passion of its fans. I won't let you down."

Zorn was the Seahawks' quarterback coach for the last seven years, helping develop Matt Hasselbeck into a Pro Bowl player, but he had never been a coordinator for an NFL team.

"We're proud that our search was diligent, thorough, and resulted in today's announcement," owner Dan Snyder said. "Jim's track record and reputation as a player, great teacher, and as a coach makes us confident that they will translate to success for the Redskins."

Zorn becomes the sixth coach under Snyder, who bought the team in 1999, and he ends a string of high-profile coaching hires. None of Snyder's last three coaches—Marty Schottenheimer, Steve Spurrier and Gibbs—had a cumulative winning record, although Gibbs took the Redskins to the playoffs in two of his four seasons before his resignation Jan. 8.

Redskins assistant Gregg Williams had the support of many players, but he had been unsuccessful in his previous stint as a head coach in Buffalo and was fired after meeting four times with Snyder about the job.

# Judging numbers

**8** points for guard Andre Roberson '10 in the final 22 seconds of regulation and in overtime of the men's basketball team's 90-85 win over Emory University last Friday. Roberson had scored just two points before that stretch.

**32**-point turnaround for the women's basketball team in the final 21 minutes, 46 seconds of its 75-63 loss to Emory University last Friday. The Judges led 42-22 with 1:46 remaining in the first half, but were outscored 53-21 from that point on.

**1** touch surrendered by the women's foil squad in the last three bouts of the women's fencing team's 14-13 win over Duke University last Saturday. Trailing 13-11, the Judges got 5-0 sweeps from Jessica Newhall '09 and Jess Davis-Heim '09 and a 5-1 win from Stefanie Aucoin '08 in the clincher.

**8** middle distance runners on the women's indoor track team that posted season-highs at last weekend's Valentine Invitational. All four runners in the 800-meter event reached the benchmark, and four of the five runners in the one-mile run did so as well.

**15** men's basketball players who appeared at least six minutes of the team's 88-57 blowout win over Case Western Reserve University last Sunday. Twelve of those 15 players scored at least one point, and 14 of 15 contributed at least one rebound.

**29** bench points for the women's basketball team in its 72-63 win over Case Western Reserve University last Sunday, compared to 10 for the Spartans. Guard Lauren Rashford '10 led the team with nine points.

# UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

## MBALL vs. No. 6 University of Rochester

The Judges have arguably their biggest game this season Friday at 8 p.m.

It's hard to blame the men's basketball team for its Jan. 20 74-68 loss to the University of Rochester. For one thing, it happened on the road in one of the toughest gyms to play in the University Athletic Association. For another, the Yellow Jackets were undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the country at the time.

But with the Judges' home losses to the University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis the next weekend, combined with Rochester's struggles since that game, this week's rematch becomes paramount for both teams.

Rochester is just 3-3 in its last six games since beating the Judges.

# TEAM LEADERS

### MBball (points per game)

Sharpshooting guard Joe Coppens '08 has become the team's leading scorer with 15.8 points per game.

Player	PPG
Joe Coppens	15.8
Terrell Hollins	13.9
Kevin Olson	10.8
Andre Roberson	10.1
Kwame Graves-Fulgham	7.7

### MBball (rebounds per game)

Forward Terrell Hollins '10 leads the Judges in rebounding in just 25 minutes per game

Player	RPG
Terrell Hollins	6
Joe Coppens	5.4
Stephen Hill	5
Kwame Graves-Fulgham	3.3
Kevin Olson	2.4

### WBball (points per game)

After a slow start, Jaime Capra '08 leads the team in scoring with an average of 14.7 points per game.

Player	PPG
Jaime Capra	14.7
Lauren Orlando	11.4
Jessica Chapin	10.2
Cassidy Dadaos	5.9
Two tied with	4.2

### WBball (rebounds per game)

Guard Jaime Capra '08 has increased her rebounding average from last season.

Player	RPG
Jaime Capra	6.9
Jessica Chapin	4.7
Cassidy Dadaos	4.5
Amber Strothhoff	4.3
Lauren Orlando	4.2

# UAA STANDINGS

## Men's Basketball

	UAA Conference		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	Pct.
Washington	7	2	16	4	.800
Rochester	6	3	17	3	.850
JUDGES	6	3	16	4	.800
Chicago	6	3	13	7	.650
New York	5	4	14	6	.700
Carnegie Mellon	3	6	13	7	.650
Emory	3	6	10	10	.500
Case	0	9	7	13	.350

## Women's Basketball

	UAA Conference		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	Pct.
Rochester	7	2	17	3	.850
Washington	7	2	15	5	.750
JUDGES	6	3	15	5	.750
Chicago	6	3	15	5	.750
Case	4	5	11	9	.550
Emory	4	5	11	9	.550
New York	2	7	13	7	.650
Carnegie Mellon	0	9	7	13	.350