

IN BRIEF

Berrien seeks softball, volleyball coaches

Berrien Springs High School is looking a varsity softball coach for the 2014 spring season and a varsity volleyball coach for the 2014 fall season. Apply to athletic director Mitch Cumings at Berrien Springs High School, One Sylvester Avenue, Berrien Springs, MI 49103 or mcumings@homeofthesh-amrocks.org.

Coates lifts LMC men over Kellogg

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Ken Coates had 27 points, 10 rebounds and five assists to lead the Lake Michigan College men's basketball team to a 78-69 win over Kellogg Community College on Wednesday.

Alec Brown also had a strong all-around game for LMC (5-3 MCCA West, 13-8) with 16 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. The Red Hawks never trailed in the game and led by as many as 15.

Luke Heide led Kellogg with 26 points and seven assists.

Pistons game postponed by storm

ATLANTA (AP) — The Detroit Pistons' game at the Atlanta Hawks scheduled for Wednesday night has been postponed due to the winter storm which has made travel unsafe in Atlanta.

The Pistons were unable to make their scheduled flight into Atlanta on Tuesday night from Detroit.

The game will be rescheduled but no date was immediately announced.

W. Michigan blown out by Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Javon McCrea scored 20 points as Buffalo cruised past Western Michigan 84-63 on Wednesday.

Buffalo (11-6, 5-2 Mid-American) shot 52 percent from the floor and won the rebound battle 41-27. Shannon Evans had 17 points, Justin Moss and Joshua Freelove added 14 apiece and Will Regan chipped in with 10 points and eight boards.

Shayne Whittington led Western Michigan (11-8, 4-3) with 13 points, while Tucker Haymond and David Brown both had 11 points.

Western Michigan led for the first 6 minutes of the game, but McCrea made five straight baskets, including a dunk, to give Buffalo a lead it never relinquished. The Bison led by 14, 39-25, at the half.

An 8-2 run to open the second half extended Buffalo's lead to 19 and they were never challenged in the frame.

Berkman retiring from baseball

HOUSTON (AP) — Six-time All-Star Lance Berkman is retiring after 15 seasons in the major leagues.

Berkman almost left the game last offseason before signing with the Texas Rangers. He then had another injury-plagued season and was limited to 73 games.

The 37-year-old Berkman was Houston's first-round draft pick in 1997 out of Rice, and played 12 seasons for the Astros. He played 1,879 career games, all but 287 for Houston, finishing a .293 career hitter with 366 home runs and 1,234 RBIs.

He finished the 2010 season with the New York Yankees before two years in St. Louis, where he was part of the 2011 World Series champions.

"Just physically I've gotten to the point where I don't feel like I can compete at a level that I'm used to competing at," Berkman told KRIV-TV of Houston.