



The Associated Press/Mark Humphrey
Florida's Joakim Noah celebrates his team's 84-75 victory over Ohio State in the NCAA basketball championship Monday.

Florida 84, Ohio State 75

FLA. BEATS OSU - AGAIN

Gators take basketball title, too

First, it was the national football championship in January, when Florida routed the Buckeyes 41-14. Now, Florida has successfully defended its basketball championship, also at the Bucks' expense. **Sports, C1**



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 Partly sunny

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On sunny day, Cubs cooked till well-Dunn

Adam Dunn said he wishes every day was Opening Day. No wonder: Dunn hit two home runs Monday as the Reds beat the Cubs 5-1 before 42,720 fans.

Dunn wasn't the only star. Pitcher Aaron Harang avenged last year's Opening Day loss to Chicago, going seven innings and picking up the victory.

Fans got a glimpse of the team's defensive future with shortstop Alex Gonzalez, and they gave Josh Hamilton a huge ovation.

But there was plenty of action off the field, too.

DOUBLE THE FUN



It was all smiles for Marty (right) and Thom Brennaman.

Announcers Marty and Thom Brennaman had plenty of company in the radio booth, including a visit from ex-UC coach Bob Huggins.

'EXPECT TO WIN'



Hit King Pete Rose jokes with a fan before the game.

Pete Rose said it best Monday: "You kind of expect the Reds to win on Opening Day." Rose watched the game from the Diamond Club section.



Enquirer photos by Jeff Swinger (above) and Michael E. Keating (Brennamans and Mallory); Rose photo by The Associated Press
Adam Dunn (44) got things started promptly in the first inning, with a towering home run off Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano. He homered again in the third inning. The performance earned Dunn a certain call from fans and sparked a 5-1 Reds victory.



Mark Mallory practiced, but his pitch was one to forget.

BALLLLLL ONE!

Mayor Mark Mallory threw out the first pitch, which was way outside. And short of the plate. Still, what better way to celebrate a birthday than attend Opening Day. Mallory turned 45 on Monday.

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IN LIFE: Everyone loves a parade. And many fans dressed in their finest Red for the procession.

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After a few days in 70s, temperatures to plunge about 30 degrees GET THOSE SWEATERS OUT AGAIN

By Quan Truong
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Mother Nature must be a baseball fan.

Monday's weather was nothing short of perfect for Opening Day, but don't expect the summer-like temperatures and sunshine to stick around.

A cold front from Canada will slam Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky tonight, and it could linger for a week.

"It won't be seasonable until (next) Monday," said meteorologist Don Hughes of the National Weather Service. Today's high is expected to be near 80 - and then plummet.

Showers and thunderstorms are expected Wednesday, and high temperatures will only reach 50. High temperatures are normally about 60 this time of year.

And that's not the worst of it. Expect temperatures to drop into the 20s Wednesday night, with continued cold the rest of the week.

Cold fronts aren't unusual in April, "but it's very rare that it comes in and stays for that length of time," Hughes said. "The high-pressure system is just so large."

A few snowflakes might mix with rain showers Thursday as temperatures fall below freezing, according to AccuWeather.



The Enquirer/Meggan Booker

Wet weather should end Thursday, with partly cloudy skies Friday through Sunday. The Reds play their second game here Wednesday night against the Cubs. Expected conditions at game time: windy with temperatures in the low 40s.

Quieter crisis

Iran, Britain move toward compromise

The standoff between Iran and Britain over 15 detained British sailors appeared to ease Monday.

Iran said it would stop airing video confessions, while the Britons said they would be willing to discuss ways to avoid confusion over boundaries in the Persian Gulf. Both pledged to solve the crisis diplomatically.

The moves raised hopes that the 11-day standoff will end soon. But such optimistic signs emerged before, then rhetoric would get tougher and the hopes would be dashed.

Tehran was quiet Monday - a day after hundreds of students threw firecrackers and rocks at the British Embassy. The students called for the expulsion of the British ambassador. **WORLD A10**