



SPORTS BRIEFING | SAILING  
ERLKING OF THE WEEK

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The singlehanded Laser sailboat, presently an Olympic class boat, is clearly the world's most popular adult and youth racing sailboat, but with 40 years of few innovations, a basic facelift for the design is long overdue.



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Erlking of the new proposed rig for the Laser, Lake Constance

To give the Laser's sail plan an urgently required makeover, LaserPerformance, Ltd., is stepping into the 21st Century. Under utmost secrecy, the builder is testing a new rig at Lake Constance, Germany.

According to informed sources, the design is by Joseph Ozanne of BMW Oracle Racing Design. Obviously.

Coaches Finding No Tolerance for Losing

By PETE THAMEL

When Royce Waltman was fired as the coach at Indiana State, he observed that it is better to get fired for cheating than for losing. He has not been rehired as a head coach.

Welsh, a Coach Who Has Won, Gets a Chance to Contend at Hofstra



Behind-the-Screens Help

By JOANNE C. GERSTNER

Michigan State Coach Tom Izzo has a small army of student managers that help him uncover evidence of opponents' exploitable weaknesses.



Lavin Prepares for His Close-Up at St. John's

By JOE LAPOINTE

Steve Lavin faces a tough task in reviving St. John's, which has not made a Final Four since 1985.

Donovan (and Willard) Take Over at Seton Hall



A .483 Batting Average? Not Quite Good Enough

By PAT BORZI

Jon Weber, 32, has never made the major leagues, but he turned some heads in spring training with his hitting.

Twins' Span Hits His Mother With a Foul Ball

Mets' Murphy Will Miss Opener With a Knee Injury

Trail Blazers 118, Knicks 90: Crumbling Knicks Lose in Portland

N.B.A. Roundup: Nets Unable to Slow Nash or the Suns

Henin Prevails in Marathon While Roddick Cruises to Win

Schedule Favors Rangers in Push for the Playoffs

N.H.L. Roundup: Stamkos's 46th Goal Helps Lightning Defeat Penguins

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Multimedia

TV SPORTS

In 3-D, Masters Does Have Extra Dimension

By RICHARD SANDOMIR

If the test footage shot recently at the Augusta National Golf Club is an authentic gauge, the Masters in 3-D will look terrific.

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For Butler's President, Excellence is Expected

By WILLIAM C. RHODEN



Bobby Fong, the Butler president, has discovered how a winning basketball team can move a university into a national spotlight.

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Video

Tournament Tipoff: Unlikely Final Four

Butler and Michigan State broke a lot of brackets on their way to the Final Four, and they might not be done yet. Tom Jolly and Connor Ennis break down the remaining teams in the men's tournament.

BATS

Bloggers Assess the 2010 Yankees, Part 1

By JUSTIN SABULICH

Will Johnny Damon be missed? Is Phil Hughes the answer at the bottom of the rotation? A sampling of Yankees bloggers answer these and other questions about the team's chances in 2010.

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Mets Q. & A., Part 1 | Part 2

CITY ROOM

Whirlwind Off-Season for Yankees' Trophy

By DAVID KOEPPPEL

A world tour befitting the symbol of a World Championship. They loved it in Beijing.



Slide Show

N.B.A. N.H.L. N.C.A.A. WOMEN N.C.A.A. MEN M.L.B.

NBA Scoreboard

LA Lakers	92	Final
Atlanta	109	
Milwaukee	98	Final
Cleveland	101	
LA Clippers	92	Final
Toronto	114	
Philadelphia	84	Final
Charlotte	103	
Oklahoma City	109	Final
Boston	104	
Miami	98	Final

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4:11 a.m.

NHL Standings  
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Exhibition Baseball Standings  
3:00 a.m.

NBA Standings  
3:00 a.m.

Couples Says He'll Play Practice Round With Woods  
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