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Task Force 51 Bids Farewell to Camp Patriot

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

Following over five-months of operations in the area, Rear Adm. W. Clyde Marsh, Commander, Task Force 51 / Amphibious Group Three, bid farewell to the shore-based forces of Camp Patriot, and his friends at Kuwait Navy Base.

During his final visit to Camp Patriot and Kuwait Navy Base, Marsh paid a visit to

Marsh and Al-Mulla exchanged gifts prior to leaving one another; Marsh being presented with a Kuwaiti Flag and ball cap, and presenting a signed recent photo of the amphibious big deck carriers in formation in the North Arabian Gulf.

Accompanied by members of his core staff, and Commander, Camp Patriot, Capt.

Donald P. Cook, Marsh took an opportunity to take one last look around Kuwait Navy Base. Touring from north to south, Marsh viewed wash-down operations and backloads currently underway by the Marines of Amphibious Task Force East (ATF East), as well the fully operational Elevated Causeway System-Modular (ELCAS(M)) constructed by the Gator Bees of Amphibious Construction Battalions One and Two.

Spending time with the troops has always been an important part of Marsh's leadership, and his last

visit would be no different, as he dined with the over 3,000 joint-service men and women here at the Camp Patriot food court.

Following lunch, Marsh held an all-hands Admiral's Call at one of the recently completed tension fabric tents owned and constructed by ACB-1.

"You have set the standard," Marsh told the hundreds of assembled troops. "As the gate keepers to Kuwait and Iraq, you had anchorages to take care of and lighterage to run – and you have handled your duties and yourselves better than anyone could have expected."

Marsh went on to tell his troops here that

the records that have been set, and the coalition building that has been performed at Camp Patriot will forever be in the hearts of their shipmates, their Navy and their nation.

"It would take an entire afternoon to run down the list of your accomplishments," continued Marsh. "But know that you all here have become the model for Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) operations, Base Camp operations, and Joint and Coalition operations – you have written history and we are all very proud of you!"

In wrapping up his comments, Marsh told the residents of Camp Patriot, "I am personally proud of each and every one of you – I would be proud to shake the hand of each and every one of you – Well done!"

And that is nearly what he did. Following the Admiral's Call, Marsh made himself available for handshakes and photo sessions with any and all residents that wanted to participate.

Storekeeper 3rd Class Tat Tam, 32, from Baltimore, Md., jumped at the opportunity, saying that the heartfelt words of Rear Adm. Marsh really hit home for him. "By coming back to Camp Patriot, where he started this deployment, he proved to us that our efforts have never been underplayed – that really means a lot to me," said Tam.

Lt. Cmdr. Johnny Adams, Supply Officer for Camp Patriot said, "It's extremely considerate of the Admiral to come here to personally thank all the troops – from the top, down – that's just the kind of man he is."

Rear Adm. Marsh will be succeeded as CTF-51 by Capt. Kenneth Golden, Commander, Amphibious Squadron One, once he has departed the theater of operations.



Rear Adm. Marsh shakes hands with Petty Officer 1st Class Wilds and others following the recent Admiral's Call.

Kuwait's Chief of Naval Forces, Maj. Gen. Ahmed Y. Al-Mulla. While speaking together, both naval leaders expressed their continued support for one another, and looked back upon the early days of their fledgling friendship.

"It has been the experience of a lifetime," commented Al-Mulla, "... and it is important for you to remember that you will always have friends in Kuwait."

"We certainly have appreciated your hospitality, your support and friendship," replied Marsh. "Without your friendship and leadership, our operations here would not be possible."

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Kuwait's Minister of Defense Thanks GCC

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

Kuwait's Defense Minister Sheikh Jaber al-Mubarak al-Sabah bid Gulf Country Council (GCC) troops participating in Peninsula Shield farewell and thanks Wednesday from the parade deck of Kuwait Navy Base and Camp Patriot.

Amongst a flurry of flags, one for each international representative

present, hundreds of GCC troops and area military commanders from the United States, United Kingdom and Australia, stood at attention while Kuwait's Armed forces Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen Fahad al-Amir, and Commander, Kuwait Naval Forces, Maj. Gen. Ahmed Y. al-Mulla welcomed Sheikh al-Sabah and his ministerial entourage.

During the Sheikh's visit, a Kuwait Navy color-guard and band played the Minister's Anthem, and presented the over 1,000 GCC troops on station for inspection and review.

Upon completion of his review, various key military commanders from GCC states bid their farewells and vowed continued support to Kuwait, and the continued protection provided by GCC resolutions.

"You have kept Kuwaiti waters safe from harm, and we have appreciated your presence and your continued support," commented Sheikh al-Sabah. "We are brothers. Kuwait will never forget your assistance."

While GCC states and Peninsula Shield troops played no direct role in the war with Iraq, the GCC resolution, adopted shortly after the 1991 Gulf war, provides protection to the North Arabian Gulf nations in the theater of operations.

The GCC is made up of member nations Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Qatar. Camp Patriot is home to over 3,000 U.S. Servicemen and women from all branches of military service, and has worked hand-in-hand with coalition and GCC member nations over the past months.



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(U.S. Navy Photo by Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypel)

*Happy Mother's
Day Weekend!*

*To all the Mothers and
Grandmothers of Camp Patriot!*

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Beach Support Command Nerve Center of Camp

By EAI (SCW) Peter Adams

Just like a business, there is always a centralized controlling point – or command center. That centralized point here at Camp Patriot is known as the Beach Support Command (BSC).

“If you have a problem or question about camp operations or services you can always come to the BSC to get the answers”, said Yeoman Seaman Eric D. Mitchell from Dallas, Texas. The BSC is literally the vital nerve center for all operations on camp.”

The BSC is managed by ACB-1 Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. George Suther of Alanta, Ga., and the Operations Chief Senior Chief Boatswain’s Mate Deondra Quarles of Panola, Al., and is supported by members of the training and engineering departments.

The BSC is a command and control watch station working directly for the Commander, Naval Support Element (CNSE), Capt. Vincent Racanelli, in support of operations such as Maritime Preposition Force (MPF) and Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS) operations.

The BSC is comprised of three watch teams that monitor several radio networks, update status charts, track convoy movements, assist in camp security and initiate emergency response actions. The critical networks include Command, MPF (CMPF) Watch Officer, Beach Support Watch Officer (BSWO), Port Operations, Camp OIC, Transportation, Medical, Force Security, and the all-important Gym watch. One critical role of the BSC was to activate the missile inbound alarm over the PA system when notified by the CMPF watch officer.

Initially the BSC was the “Voice of Camp

Patriot”, responsible for announcing “Missiles Inbound”, over the PHICB ONE Public Address system. When the primary announcing system was established by the CMPF, the BSC continued to provide a redundant system to ensure total coverage of the camp area. The BSC staff provided round-the-clock staffing to provide service during both routine and emergency situations.

According to BSC Watch Officer Chief Steelworker Ron Davis, of Medford, Oreg., “You really have to be on the ball and able to focus on many simultaneous operations. A lack of communication and coordination can result in a set back of operational goals.”

The watch teams are responsible for providing real time information on material status and location of craft and lighterage in the operational area. They are also responsible for collecting and maintaining an accurate status on all camp facility requirements, such as water, fuel, unit movement, and Civil Engineering Support Equipment (CESE).

The BSC provided support services for the construction and operation of a 4,500 person expeditionary field camp and the offload of eleven MPF ships. “This is a huge undertaking for ACB-1. Our camp size is normally limited to 1200 personnel. This camp is almost four times the size!” said Engineering Aide 3rd Class Christopher M. Martin of Wilsonville, Oreg.

“Life in the BSC is like travelling down a freeway. It requires quick thinking, the ability to make precise decisions and quick actions,” according to Seaman Erolinda A. Sandoval of San Francisco, Calif. “You can

go from zero to sixty in less than a second,” continued Sandoval. “You never know what to expect from day to day, but life in the BSC is challenging.”

Since offload movements have slowed and the regeneration phase has begun, the BSC is now providing a unique service - Flag Detail. “This service has turned out to be extremely popular with the troops”, according to EACN Dennis A. Delacruz of Laoag City, Philippines. After personal flags are flown from the Camp Patriot flagpole by the BSC staff, the Commodore, Capt. Donald Cook, Commander Task Group 51.8 provides a signed and dated certificate of the event.

Whether on Flag Detail, operating the radio, or tracking camp events, members of the BSC continue to demonstrate that they are the heartbeat of Camp Patriot.

CBR Training Note

The CFLCC area of operations, which includes Camp Patriot, has set Mission Oriented Protective Posture Ready - (MOPP Ready). All residents are to have your chemical protective suit, boots, gloves and masks within ten minutes of you. All medicinals should also be within ten minutes of you at all times. Notify your chain of command if you are missing any portion of your protective gear.

Here is a MOPP breakdown to remember:

MOPP Ready

Be within 10 minutes of all gear.

MOPP 0 - Modified

Carry masks and be within 10 minutes of your chemical gear.

MOPP 1

Wear chemical suit.

MOPP 2

Wear chemical suit and boots.

MOPP 3

Wear chemical suit, boots and mask.

MOPP 4

Wear chemical suit boots, mask and gloves.

USA Today

State News Shorts . . .

Kentucky

Winchester - The U.S. Forest Service is endorsing a plan that would allow at least limited logging in the Daniel Boone National Forest, a move that environmentalists are already opposing. The alternatives range from some cutting of timber to commercial and recreational uses of the Daniel Boone National forest.

Louisiana

Baton Rouge - A mentally retarded man on death row could receive life in prison instead. Louisiana’s Pardon Board recommended the change for Herbert Welcome, 51, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that executing the mentally retarded constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. Welcome was sentenced for murder in 1981.

Chaplains' Corner . . .

By *Cmdr. Jeffrey H. Seiler, CHC, USN*

I begin my article with a word of praise for the editor of the Patriot Press, JO1 Joseph Krypel. This fine senior petty officer took it upon himself to initiate a publication that has kept us all connected fostering a sense of pride in our monumental accomplishments during Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequently Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of us have been far too busy, engaged as we've been in our respective tasks, to be able to take the time to reflect on the history we were making. JO1 Krypel has told our story with a flare and style that befit the quality of sacrificial service we have accomplished, and continue to render now as we get the warriors and their equipment home from the battlefield. Thanks, JO1, for a job well done!

I have been here since the inception of Camp Patriot, arriving just after the advanced party on 09 January. We all arrived within the cocoon of a curtain-shrouded bus, escorted by intense force protection in the dead of the night. We expected to be fired upon at any moment by snipers or worse suicide attackers. The camp went up with all speed and the typical zest I have come to expect after serving with the Sea Bees for two years now. Not to swell their heads but the Bees reflect a God like character as they create some incredible living conditions out of either chaos or nothing. I cannot think of a better group with whom to go to war.

I have seen some incredible acts of quiet self-sacrifice performed here that will be unknown to many except the individuals who performed them and Almighty God. As I made my daily rounds throughout the camp and down on the waterfront, out on the pier, or I found people diligently working to form the camp, provide force protection, patrol the waters, keep a look out and just generally gear up for what we all knew was going to happen. We spoke of duty, of lives disrupted and families missed. We related how the deployment and the recall did not come at a convenient time for anyone, but then I do not believe that any call to serve ever does

respect our own personal desires or schedules. There were no complaints, only a steely resolve to do the job, to do it right, and to get back to our loved ones.

General William Tecumseh Sherman said, "War is Hell!" Chaplain, Colonel Robert G. Certain wrote in his introduction, "What, in Hell, is a Chaplain Good For?" - "War by its very nature is uncivilized and lies in the gray boundary at the edge of the western ethical conscience. Theologians and philosophers remind us of the evil we engage in war, and have given us the intellectual tools to plan our methods of making war so that we do not venture too far into the evil. Governments have articulated the purposes of war and set the rules of engagement, usually in conformity with just war theory. They then train their soldiers in acceptable war practice and send them out to destroy the evil threat using admittedly, though restrained, evil force. When the deed is done, the soldier is brought home, thanked for putting himself in harm's way, exonerated of any guilt, and welcomed back into normative society. The chaplain's role in war can serve to keep combat more humane, soldiers more human, and peace more redemptive".

I pray that all of the Chaplains, Religious Program Specialists [RPs], and Chaplain Assistants who served all of you here at Camp Patriot have been of positive service to you. I pray that the Religious services offered, the counseling provided, and the pastoral visits made have, in some measure, provided an assurance that our Gracious God has never forgotten, nor ever will forget us as we walk in harm's way or anywhere. All of us pray for a rapid and safe redeployment for all and a most joyous reunion with those whom we love. To put it in vernacular terms, it has been a most excellent and awesome privilage to have served each and every one of you. Thank you for doing what you have done and continue to do for God, Country, and your branch of the military. God bless each of you always.

Quick Reference Phone Numbers

Watch Officer

618-6700

Medical Clinic

617-7280

Camp Patriot Chapel Services

Chaplains:

- Cmdr. Jeffrey H. Seiler, CHC, USN*
- Lt. Cmdr. Francis Foley, CHC, USNR*
- Lt. Cmdr. P. Shaughnessy, CHC, USNR*
- Chap. (Maj.) Scott Delbridge, USA*
- Lt. Hussain M. Shaikh, CHC, USNR*
- Chap. (Capt.) Alan Savage, USA*

Catholic Mass

- Mon - Tues.....1130
- Fri - Sat.....1130
- Sunday.....0800 / 2030
- Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930
- Fri.....Staions of the Cross.....1930

Catholic Instruction / Faith Class

- Monday.....1930

Muslim Salah Al-Jumua

At the Mosque

- Friday.....1130

Jewish Shabat

- Friday.....1800

Buddhist Prayer

- Saturday.....1200

Protestant Worship

- Sunday.....0930

Episcopal / Lutheran Communion

- Sunday.....1100

7th Day Adventist Sabbath Service

- Saturday.....1700

LDS Services

- Sunday.....1700

Prayer and Praise

- Sunday.....1900
- Wednesday.....1030 / 1900

Choir Practice

- Tuesday.....2030

Bible Study

- Tuesday / Thursday.....1215

Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy

- Sunday.....TBD

Contact *Cmdr. Seiler* at 973-5964 for info

Royal Marine Sends Thanks / Wishes to Camp Patriot

The following is an email to all at Camp Patriot. It was received this past week from Cpl. Tom Burke, British Royal Marines:

Dear Friends,
After many months in Iraq working with 15 MEU, living in various "HOLES" in the desert and derelict buildings, it was a pleasure to be sent on a task to Camp Patriot. My team was basically providing beach security whilst the SeaBees helped us load up our ships with ammo &

stores.
The standard of living created by the Sea Bees and associated support from other services at Camp Patriot is outstanding.

The guys were really impressed with the air conditioned tent accommodation, great food and soda in the galley & the various amenities at the PX. Not to mention of course the gym and swimming pools. It turned out to be the closest my guys will get to R & R!

So a big thanks from Royal Marines -Combat

Support troop at LFSP (Landing Force Support Party) for your hospitality.

A special hello to John Weatherwax and his crew of welders, it was great getting to know these guys and many other Sea Bees in the week or so we had the privilege of staying at Camp Patriot.

I hope this operation will keep a bond between British & U.S Forces. On my return to the UK I will be setting up a web site to encourage continued contact between our forces. It will be

a community type portal at www.bootnecks.com & any interested folks can communicate with me via tom@bootnecks.com (bootnecks is a nickname for Marines. Not sure if also applies to U.S Marines... a question for your readers :-)

I hope all the U.S Forces get home asap or at least in time for Christmas. Most of us are heading home in the next week or so.

Best wishes and thanks

Tom

P.S.: *did I mention how great a warm shower was?*

Personification Poem

Fifty stars and 13 stripes make me. I represent peace, love and the country that is free!

Seven of my stripes are red. During war, this is the color of soldiers dread. Six of my stripes are white, reminding soldiers that home is in sight. My final color is blue; that stands for all that is true!

In times of fright and fear, I am near. When people pray I see them shed a tear. When the war will end, my message I send . . .

I raise to the top of the pole to claim my victory for all the Americans who fought to be free and praise in glory!

Thanks to Liz Gravier, niece of MS3 Al Gravier, for sending us this poem

What you had to say about . . .

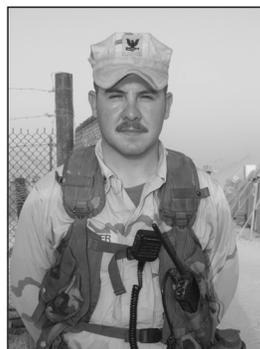
The residents of Camp Patriot have the opportunity to voice their opinion or feelings on a particular topic. This week's question was:

What do you think you have learned the most during Operation Iraqi Freedom and this deployment?

(photos by SN Lina Sandoval)



**1st Lt. William Butters
2MPBT**
"I have learned that I really hate riding around in HMMWVs because there is just not that much cushion when you are on long convoys."



**SW2 Matthew Haffner
ACB-1**
"I've had the opportunity to learn how to take charge of situations, and how to become a good ambassador for the United States."



**Cpl. Savador Martinez
2nd FSSG (Fwd)**
"I've learned to respect the culture of the Kuwaiti people and their way of life. I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of people."



**BM2 Maria Quillin
NAVCHAPGRU**
"The challenges of this deployment has taught me to be positive about the things I do and the things that I am asked to do."

NSE Administrators Assist Camp Patriot

By YN3 (AW) Julie Foster

Since the first days of construction on Camp Patriot, the Naval Support Element Administrative (NSE) Office has been a key element in the support of troops throughout the camp. Whether the

to YN2(AW) Chad Graham from Clover, South Carolina. YN2 Graham has personally provided expert support in disciplinary matters and command investigations as well as legal assistance to the troops.

over 800 packages have been sorted for NSE personnel in the past three and half months.

IT1(SW/AW) Steven Preston from Orange, California set up the original Internet Café. "The Internet Café provides a computer link to the outside world for camp personnel to communicate with family and friends at no charge to the troops in camp" says IT1 Robert Howard from San Diego, California. IT1 Howard helped to relocate the Internet Café to its current location and continues to provide the maintenance support.



YN3 (AW) Julie Foster helps a customer at NSE Administration

needs included pay issues, career counseling, travel arrangements, emergency leave, technical computer support, convoys, or even a simple copy, NSE Admin provided high quality customer service.

Over the last four months in this unique expeditionary camp, NSE Admin has supported a multitude of tasks, often ranging far beyond their normal duties and responsibilities.

"The NSE Admin Department has processed over 130 evaluations and fitness reports, completed more than 20 award packages, and made over 250 travel arrangements," according

to the local AAFES. Limited resources and the time difference between the camp and homeport presented challenges regarding the receipt of information, the update of records, and the processing of documents; however, NSE Admin with the support of their homeport Admin department diligently accomplished their mission. In Camp Patriot's infancy, the NSE Admin tent served as the Camp Post Office. After the permanent Naval Post Office facilities were established, the NSE Admin Department continued to provide postal support for the NSE. Numerous letters and

NSE Admin personnel routinely handle reassignments, extensions, and travel claims processing, while contributing numerous hours to the filling of sandbags and the restocking of shelves at

With only four Yeoman, the Camp Patriot NSE Admin Department has provided customer service to over 600 personnel often in areas outside of the traditional Yeoman rate. Pay issues normally handled by Disbursing Clerks and career counseling usually provided by a Navy Career Counselor, are examples of additional services performed. NSE Admin was also tasked with organizing and leading over 60 convoys to the airport and Camp Doha for flight arrangements and administrative issues. YN2 Bryan Gillentine from Austin, Texas has taken on the lead role as camp travel agent, arranging travel flights and convoys for all NSE personnel departing camp.

Resources have been stretched thin, but the NSE Admin Department has continued to provide the best customer service possible and meet the needs of the troops.

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<i>Weather Conditions</i>	<i>Partly Cloudy</i>				
<i>TEMPS</i>	<i>79 / 101</i>	<i>74 / 103</i>	<i>76 / 107</i>	<i>78 / 105</i>	<i>78 / 106</i>

Entertainment News...

DNA Design: It's In the Genes

Catherine Donaldson-Evans

A U.K.-based company called DesigNA makes jewelry, glassware, rugs, mirrors, stained glass and wall hangings that incorporate people's individual DNA patterns into the designs. "It's a gift that no one else will have," said Louise Allcroft, geneticist and co-founder of DesigNA.

DesigNA sends customers a DNA kit. Customers take a cheek swab and mail it back to the company, which then produces a three-color bar code representing the DNA strand. What makes the code one of a kind, said Allcroft, is the spacing between the bars and the order of the three colors — yellow, blue and green.

"Your DNA profile is completely unique to you unless you have an identical twin," she said. "It's your design for life. It makes you who you are. It's another reflection of yourself."

Once DesigNA comes up with the DNA code, one of its artists incorporates the pattern into the product.

The most popular gift is jewelry. DesigNA offers an array of necklaces made of colored beads or crystals placed at various distances from one another, and can even do wedding rings using differently colored metals to represent a couple's DNA patterns.

Items range in price from about \$140 for a framed image of a personal DNA profile to several thousand dollars for some of the jew-

elry.

Geneticist Joann Boughman said DesigNA is another extension of art imitating nature.

"We have been copying nature in our art forever," said Boughman, the executive vice president of the American Society of Human Genetics. "What this company is doing is getting down to the molecular level and sharing that beauty of nature, bringing it to a level where other people can appreciate it."

Rosie Clark, 23, just received a DesigNA rock crystal necklace from her parents as a belated 21st-birthday gift, and she's thrilled with how it turned out.

"It's absolutely beautiful," said Clark, of London. "It's really modern and really cool."

She said she found DesigNA's products on the Internet and thought the necklace would be the perfect present.

"You're never going to get anyone who's got the same thing, are you?" she said. "It's quite distinct. It's a bit of a unique talking point."

Allcroft said DesigNA's merging of art and science aims to popularize genetics. "I wanted to bring genetics over to the general public in a positive way," she said. In fact, DNA has already become a theme in popular culture. Its roles in cloning and crime solving have piqued the public's interest. And the entertainment industry has capitalized on the phenomenon, with hit TV shows like CSI and its spin-off CSI Miami.

"DNA is a hot word right now," said Lyn Godley, a product designer and professor at Parsons School of Design. She said incorporating its patterns into gift designs sounded like "another way of making a sale."

"This seems like a gimmick," said Godley. "From a marketing standpoint, it's very valid. From a designer's standpoint, I'd say it's lacking."

Another Parsons product design professor disagreed, saying DNA patterns are interesting design elements.

"I think it has artistic value," said Richard Penney. "It's a valid exploration of design." He pointed to a two-dimensional piece of art currently on display at New York's Cooper-Hewitt Museum that is based on a DNA code.

But some people are squeamish about the idea of DNA-inspired gifts. "That is just so unsettling to me on so many levels that I don't think I would buy anything like that," said Cristina Barden, a store planner from Long Island. "It's kind of weird. If you want to personalize a gift for someone, put their name on it. I don't need to see the double helix."

Judging from the response that Allcroft said she's gotten, though, there are plenty of people out there who find the concept fascinating.

"With this, you're physically involved in creating it yourself," she said. "It captures the imagination."

Happy Mother's Day Weekend!

Movie Schedule

Sunday

Spy Game

Monday

Unfaithful

Tuesday

Something About Mary

Wednesday

Count of Monte Cristo

Thursday

Man in the Iron Mask

Friday

What Lies Beneath

Saturday

Joe Dirt

Movies begin each evening at 1930 in the movie tent.

Things to Remember!

Sick Call Hours

0800 - 1000

1300 - 1400

1800 - 1900

Emergencies 24 hours a day

Barber Shop Hours

Appts.....0800 - 1600

Walk-ins.....1800 - 2000



Library

1000 - 2200

AA Meeting

Monday.....1930

AAFES Hours

Daily.....1000 - 2000

Galley Hours

Breakfast.....0500 - 0730

Lunch.....1130 - 1230

Dinner.....1700 - 1930

Laundry Service

Mornings 1000 - 1300

Afternoons 1400 - 1800

Sports Shorts

NBA FINALS 2003 BRACKET

MLB REGULAR STANDINGS

Slammin' door on Celtics?

The New Jersey Nets have another huge playoff lead, and it'll be very tough to blow this one.

In a Game 3 quite different from the last Game 3 between the teams, the Nets defeated the Boston Celtics 94-76 Friday night to go up 3-0 in their Eastern Conference semifinal.

In the third game of last year's conference final, the Celtics erased a 21-point deficit -- the fourth biggest fourth-quarter comeback in NBA history -- to beat the Nets.

"We came up here and let that one get away," said Kenyon Martin, who led the Nets with 25 points. "We didn't want to let that happen again."

The Nets would accomplish another first in futility if they lose the series after leading 3-0. No team has ever blown such a lead, although three teams have come back to tie a series before losing Game 7.

Game 4 is Monday night in Boston.

Kings in Deep Trouble

Chris Webber is expected to miss the rest of the NBA playoffs because of torn cartilage in his left knee.

Webber's season of injury problems culminated on a non-contact play in the third quarter Thursday night during Game 2 of Sacramento's playoff series against the Dallas Mavericks.

An MRI exam revealed a torn lateral meniscus requiring arthroscopic surgery. The Kings said Webber's rehabilitation will require a minimum of four-to-six weeks.

The news was a devastating blow to the Kings, who are tied 1-1 with the Mavericks in their Western Conference semifinal series.

Webber led the Pacific Division champions in scoring, rebounding and assists during the regular season despite missing 15 games and the All-Star weekend.

Eastern Conference

Pistons (1)

Pistons, 4-3

Magic (8)

76ers (4)

76ers, 4-2

Hornets (5)

Pacers (3)

Celtics, 4-2

Celtics (6)

Nets (2)

Nets, 3-0

Nets, 4-2

Bucks (7)

Western Conference

Spurs (1)

Spurs, 4-2

Suns (8)

Wolves (4)

Spurs, 2-1

Lakers (5)

Lakers, 4-2

Dallas (3)

Blazers (6)

Mavs, 4-3

Kings (2)

Tied, 1-1

Jazz (7)

Kings, 4-1

American League

	W	L	PCT	GB
NY Yankees	25	10	.714	----
Oakland	22	13	.629	3
Boston	22	13	.629	3
Seattle	22	13	.629	3
Kansas City	20	13	.606	4
Minnesota	19	15	.559	5½
Baltimore	18	17	.514	7
Anaheim	17	17	.500	7½
Chicago Sox	16	19	.457	9
Toronto	16	20	.444	9½
Texas	15	20	.429	10
Tampa Bay	13	22	.371	12
Cleveland	10	24	.294	14½
Detroit	7	26	.212	17

National League

	W	L	PCT	GB
San Francisco	25	9	.735	----
Atlanta	23	12	.657	2½
Montreal	21	14	.600	4½
Philadelphia	21	15	.583	5
Chicago Cubs	19	16	.543	6½
St. Louis	18	16	.529	7
Los Angeles	19	17	.528	7
Houston	18	17	.514	7½
Cincinnati	18	18	.500	8
Colorado	16	19	.457	9½
Arizona	16	20	.444	10
Florida	16	21	.432	10½
Pittsburgh	14	21	.400	11½
NY Mets	14	21	.400	11½
Milwaukee	12	23	.343	13½
San Diego	12	23	.343	13½

Friday Scores

Baltimore 15 - Kansas 5, Tampa 2 - Detroit 0, Minn. 5 - Boston 0, Cleve. 9 - Texas 5, Balt. 5 - Kansas 4 (game2), Anaheim 6 - Toronto 1, Oakland 7 - Yankees 2, Seattle 6 - ChiSox 3, St. Louis 6 - Cubs 3, LA 9 - Mont. 5, Philly 5 - Houston 3, Ariz. 7 - Mil. 6, SD 5 - Mets 4, SF 9 - Atl. 2, Florida 5 - Colorado 4

Nadeau upgraded to fair, out of ICU

Associated Press

Jerry Nadeau continues to improve in a Richmond, Va.-area hospital, nearly a week after a grinding crash at Richmond International Raceway left him with critical head, lung and rib injuries.

Nadeau was upgraded from serious but stable to fair condition Thursday at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia Hospitals.

Nadeau has been moved out of intensive care to a private room. Doctors say Nadeau's vital signs are normal and he continues to show improvement.

Winston Cup Standings

After: Pontiac 400 Next: Coca-Cola 600
 Winner: Joe Nemechek Lowe's Motor Speedway

Rank	Driver	Points Behind
1.	Matt Kenseth	Leader
2.	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	-20
3.	Kurt Busch	-167
4.	Jeff Gordon	-178
5.	Bobby Labonte	-243
6.	Jimmie Johnson	-247
7.	Michael Waltrip	-258
8.	Kevin Harvick	-291
9.	Rusty Wallace	-345
10.	Sterling Marlin	-360