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Brown's Robinson bound for Ore. St.?

The Bears couldn't confirm reports that Craig Robinson has accepted the basketball coaching job out West. Meanwhile, Fran Fraschilla has emerged as a candidate for the PC job.

BY KEVIN McNAMARA
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Brown University may be losing one of its most successful coaches ever and Providence College would lose a leading candidate for its vacant men's basketball job in the process.

Chris Humm, Brown's sports information director, couldn't confirm reports from FoxSports.com, CBSsports.com and The Portland Oregonian last night that Craig Robinson has accepted the job as the next coach at Oregon State.

"I can't confirm or deny those reports," Humm said.

Robinson, who is in San Antonio, Texas, attending the Final Four, did not return phone calls last night. Neither did Brown athletic director Michael Goldberg.

Robinson met with OSU officials in San Antonio but also spoke with PC athletic director Bob Driscoll over the weekend. It is unclear, however, how serious the Friars' interest in hiring Robinson was.

Robinson, the brother-in-law
SEE **COACHES, B5**

The Tigers are hungry for more

Coach John Calipari's "dribble-drive motion" offense has Memphis one win away from the national championship.

BY EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Every year, some sharp basketball coach wins a national title. How often, though, does a coach truly change the game?

John Calipari could be one of those rare coaches.

The "dribble-drive motion" offense he uses is among the hottest things going in hoops these days, and Memphis puts it on display for the final time this season in tonight's NCAA championship game against Kansas.

Calipari calls it "Princeton on steroids," a bow to the constant-motion, cut-and-backdoor offense perfected by Pete Carril.

He calls it "dribble-drive motion," in part because it sounds good, and also as a nod to the idea it does not rely on pick-setters and post men who clog up the paint and sometimes stifle free-flowing offense.

Some say it's an extension of the penetrate-and-pass schemes

SEE **NCAA MEN, B5**

MEMPHIS VS. KANSAS

- **DATE:** Tonight.
- **TIME:** 9:21 p.m.
- **SITE:** San Antonio, Texas.
- **TV:** CBS (over-the-air Channel 12, Cox Channel 12, Cox HD Channel 701).
- **ANNOUNCERS:** Jim Nantz and Billy Packer.
- **TEAM RECORDS:** Memphis 38-1, Kansas 36-3.
- **LINE:** Memphis by 2.

BLUE JAYS 7, RED SOX 4

MOUND OF TROUBLE



AP / J.P. MOCZULSKI

Red Sox starter Josh Beckett, delivering a first-inning pitch against the Blue Jays yesterday, was the victim of a third straight leaky performance by the bullpen.

No relief for so-so Beckett: Bullpen's the culprit again

BY STEVEN KRASNER
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TORONTO — All eyes were on Josh Beckett as the Boston Red Sox ace made his disabled-list-delayed 2008 debut yesterday at Rogers Centre.

And while the right-hander was OK, tiring in his fifth and final inning as he surpassed the 75-80 pitch count he was expected to throw, by the middle of the game the Red Sox' focus was on a third straight leaky performance by the bullpen, specifically the middle relievers.

This time the culprit was Manny Delcarmen, who, for the second time in the series, lost a key battle with Blue Jays designated hitter Frank Thomas.

Delcarmen, stung for a tie-breaking two-run double on a changeup in a Friday

BECKETT'S LINE

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Beckett	4.2	3	5	5	4	6	92	9.64

night setback, went with a 95-mph fastball for his first pitch to Thomas yesterday.

But he badly missed his location, the ball running across the inner half of the plate, just above the knee, and Thomas crushed it to left-center for a tie-breaking grand slam that propelled Toronto to a 7-4 victory and a three-game sweep of the weary Red Sox.

The blast tacked on three more runs to Beckett's line, not to mention a loss, as Boston, now 3-4, plunged into the Amer-

ican League East basement.

"I was aiming down and away, and when I threw it, I thought it was good," said Delcarmen. "Then, all of a sudden, it moved over the middle of the plate. I don't know how it ended up there. [Thomas] has had my number the last few times I've thrown."

Beckett, who gave up a two-run homer on a hanging curveball to Vernon Wells in the fourth, retired the first two batters in the fifth, on seven pitches. But then he gave up a broken-bat single to Aaron Hill and walked Alex Rios and Wells, filling the bases, running his pitch count to 92 and forcing manager Terry Francona to lift him.

SEE **RED SOX, B7**



AP / J.P. MOCZULSKI

Red Sox reliever Manny Delcarmen reacts after giving up a grand slam to the Blue Jays' Frank Thomas.



AP / JACK DEMPSEY

Former Falcons cornerback Jason Webster, left, defending against the Broncos' Rod Smith, is one of four new defensive backs on the Patriots' roster.

Pats are dealing with the ins and outs

New England is fairly pleased with what it has done in the offseason thus far when it comes to signing and re-signing players

BY SHALISE MANZA YOUNG
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For members of the New England Patriots' organization, the NFL's offseason calendar didn't provide much of an opportunity to wallow in the regrets of a Super Bowl loss. Free agency began just a few weeks after the 2007 season's final game, and the annual draft is right around the corner.

It has been an interesting couple

of months for the Patriots as far as the transaction wire is concerned: more than a couple of the bold names have been signed by other clubs, and the fair share of players New England did make deals with were their own. New faces are not

so much stars (unlike last year), but the solid, middle-of-the-pack bargain guys Bill Belichick and Scott Pioli built their first title teams with.

After exceeding expectations on

SEE **PATRIOTS, B3**

PATRIOTS' SIGNINGS

Pos	Player	Height	Weight	Former team
CB	Lewis Sanders	6-1	210	Atlanta Falcons
S	Tank Williams	6-2	223	Minnesota Vikings
CB	Jason Webster	5-9	187	Buffalo Bills
CB	Fernando Bryant	5-10	175	Detroit Lions
LB	*T.J. Slaughter	6-1	233	San Francisco 49ers
WR	Sam Aiken	6-2	215	Buffalo Bills

*-2006; out of football '07