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**A rematch Bruin**

Tomorrow night, the P-Bruins and Manchester will meet in Game One of the Division Semifinals of the Calder Cup playoffs. It will be the third time the two teams have met in the playoffs in the last 4 years:

YEAR	WINNER	RECORD
2004-05	Providence	4-2
2006-07	Manchester	4-2

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## Four sports become victims of budget-cutting at URI

The Rams have eliminated men's tennis, men's swimming and field hockey from their varsity lineup, and gymnastics had already been dropped.

**BY MIKE SZOSTAK**  
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN — Jared Dorfman, an All-State tennis player from La Salle, transferred to the University of Rhode Island because his coach at Assumption College was leaving, he could earn a degree in business, he knew coach

Val Villucci, and he knew the tennis team could be good.

Jeff Cote, an All-Stater from Warwick Veterans, transferred to URI from Hartford because, as he put it, the team wasn't that great and the school was mediocre.

"I kind of wanted to go to URI. I'm a Rhode Island kid, I guess," he said with a

grin. Dorfman and Cote, playing No. 1 and No. 2 singles and teaming at No. 1 doubles, helped the Rams to a 17-6 record in dual matches and a seventh-place finish at the Atlantic 10 Championships, one of the best years in URI tennis history. And, as they learned yesterday, the last.

Facing an \$800,000 budget cut for the fiscal year starting on July 1, URI yesterday eliminated men's tennis, men's swimming and field hockey from its var-

sity lineup. URI had already dropped gymnastics and will not add women's lacrosse in 2009-10, as previously planned, leaving the school with 18 sports for 2008-09.

The four sports eliminated will affect 75 athletes and five coaches, according to current rosters. Swimming coach Mick Westkott and his two assistants will remain with the women's swimming program.

Thorr Bjorn, director of athletics, de-

livered the bad news to each team yesterday. By the time he finished with the field hockey team in the early evening, he looked beat.

"I hope and pray we don't have to go through this type of thing again," he said. "It's damaging to the athletic program, the athletic family. It's damaging to kids. I hope we can rebuild the family unit. It's divisive. We have to work very hard to

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## Friars have their sights on Drake's Keno Davis

Barring a breakdown in negotiations, the son of former Boston College pilot, Dr. Tom Davis, could be introduced as the new basketball coach at Providence College today.

**BY KEVIN McNAMARA**  
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PROVIDENCE — In between sips of cocktails and bites of their meals, the most-asked question floating across the lips of Providence College basketball boosters at last night's team banquet at the Providence Biltmore was a simple one: Who are they going to hire?

That's the question that has hovered over the program for a month now, and while there are indications that PC is closing in on its man, everyone is growing a bit tired of the month-long process. Of course, the Friars thought they had a new coach twice before in this laborious process and were ultimately turned down, first by George Mason's Jim Larranaga and then by UMass' Travis Ford.

PC's fans and players have followed the search's twists and turns closely.

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## Great mix will be the match at the '08 CVS

**BY PAUL KENYON**  
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PROVIDENCE — Diversity is the catch word for the 10th annual CVS Caremark Charity Classic.

The event, which prides itself on offering a wide variety of talented players every year, this year will feature as many different types of players as ever.

Two Hall of Famers, Nick Faldo and Nick Price, have agreed to take part in the event, which will be held June 22-24 at Rhode Island Country Club. Two women who will be playing later that week in the U.S. Women's Open, Laura Diaz and Nicole Castrale, will compete. So will reigning PGA Tour rookie-of-the-year Brandt Snedeker, who finished in a tie for third at The Masters Sunday.

"I think it's the most diverse field we've ever had," said Brad Faxon, the tournament co-host with Billy Andrade.

The event, which has raised more than \$10 million for area charities in its first nine years, kicked off preparations for the 10th anniversary show with a news conference yesterday at the Button Hole Short Course and Teaching Center.

Eighteen of the 20 players who will take

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### THE CVS FIELD:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Brad Faxon      | Boo Weekley        |
| Billy Andrade   | Bubba Watson       |
| Dana Quigley    | Charles Howell III |
| Brett Quigley   | Camilo Villegas    |
| Nick Faldo      | Davis Love III     |
| Nick Price      | Tim Herron         |
| Laura Diaz      | Peter Jacobsen     |
| Nicole Castrale | Stewart Cink       |
| Brandt Snedeker | J.J. Henry         |

Two more spots remain to be filled.

RED SOX 6, INDIANS 4

# IN FULL SWING



## Ramirez's HR in 9th propels Sox past Tribe

**BY SEAN McADAM**  
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CLEVELAND — In the seventh inning last night at Progressive Field, the Red Sox' last best chance seemed to come and go.

Rafael Betancourt, summoned from the bullpen to bail starter Jake Westbrook out of a two-on, one-out mess, overpowered David Ortiz for one

strikeout, then slipped a called third strike past Manny Ramirez for the second out, preserving the Cleveland Indians' two-run lead.

But two innings later, given a second chance, the Red Sox' Dynamic Duo didn't miss.

After Kevin Youkilis had hit a solo homer off Betancourt in the eighth and Julio Lugo (double) had scored the tying run on a sacrifice fly from Dustin Pedroia, Ortiz and Ramirez made the most of their second chances.

Facing embattled Indians closer Joe Borowski, Ortiz reached with a bloop single to left and Ramirez followed a rocket shot to left, giving the Red Sox a stirring 6-4 comeback victory over the Tribe.

For Ramirez, the homer was the 493rd of his career, tying him with Fred McGriff and Lou Gehrig for 24th place on baseball's all-time list. It was also his second career homer in three at-bats off Borowski.

Jonathan Papelbon pitched a perfect ninth to secure the win and pick up his fifth save.

Earlier, the Sox' middle-of-the-lineup tandem had sputtered in a big spot.

Ortiz had come to the plate in the seventh inning with two on and one out and the Red Sox trailing by two runs. One more well-timed, well-placed hit could tie the game. Betancourt, the Cleveland Indians' hard-throwing setup man, was summoned for the matchup.

The slumping Ortiz had dumped a soft line single to left in the first inning to halt an 0-for-17 hitless streak, but in the ensuing at-bats, he lacked his customary assurance at the plate. Approaching the at-bat against Betancourt more tentatively than normal, Ortiz quickly found himself behind, 0-and-2.

Running the count full, he finally flailed at a fastball that seemed outside the strike zone and the baserunners remained anchored. When Betancourt followed his strikeout of Ortiz by slipping a called third strike past Ramirez, the inning was over,

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Manny Ramirez drops his bat and watches his two-run blast off Cleveland closer Joe Borowski in the top of the ninth inning head for the seats in left field at Progressive Field. The home run snapped a 4-4 tie.

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