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In-Town B-Ball Getting Popular



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Have you heard of Girls In-Town Basketball? It's a league that for girls who don't have enough time for travel basketball or didn't make the tryouts. That doesn't mean that it isn't fun or competitive. It's really intense and games usually go to the last minute and can change any minute.

This year the season started in late November and is just coming to an end. There are four teams and they play each other five times. The teams are coached by volunteer parents who, even though don't know professional coaching, still try their best and put all lot of effort in making the best team.

On Monday, 2/25, the teams played their last game and had the last chance to up their ranking and today, they have their last practice.

The rankings before the final two games were the following. In first place, **Team Padovani** had seven wins and four losses so they had won .636 percent. Then in second place was **Team Schmidberger** with .545percent wins, exactly six and five losses. Close behind was **Team Kellock** with five wins and six losses. This gave them a .455 percent of wins overall. Lastly in fourth place but still in the race was **Team Youngs** with four wins, seven losses, and .364 percent.

The four basketball girl teams are all very close and any one could take home the final win. The play offs were set to be played on Monday March 4th but due to the snowstorm, the games were moved to Thursday, the 8th.

The teams all played it out for a chance to

be in the finals. Based on their rankings, it was **Team Kellock** against **Team Schmidberger**. Next, **Team Padovani** against **Team Youngs**. The results



for the first game at halftime were, after lots of basketball plays and shots, 9-8 with **Team Kellock** ahead by one point. The score for the following game with **Team Young** two baskets ahead was 6-2. Both games were very close but at the end the winning teams, who went to the final, and had a chance to compete for the trophy were **Team Padovani** against **Team Schmidberger**!

On Monday, 3/11, the final game was played. It was the red team, Schmidberger versus the grey team, Padovani. It was a very close and intense game with the teams usually ahead by only one basket but with one-minute left Schmidberger made a basket. With one second left, Team Padovani got a foul and had a chance to make two foul shots. A sixth grader was up and just as she was about to shoot, the red team's coach started clapping very loudly as a disruption attempt. The girl still made it but he looked very bad.

Everything was on this foul shot if the girl made it in, they would go to overtime and it would be anyone's game. Then, it happened again. Just as the girl was shooting, the red coach yelled "Why is everyone so quiet!". Once again, the coach had tried to make the girl miss and he had succeeded. **Team Schmidberger** won but was it really fair?

Overall, every single team and player did their best and tried very hard. All the coaches were supportive and fair. Congratulations to **Team Schmidberger** for winning this year's in-town basketball season!



Two Perspectives on March Madness



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March Madness may be my favorite sporting event of the year. College basketball's top 64 teams face off in a national tournament. There are 4, 16-team brackets with teams ranked 1-16.

In the first round, the 1 seed plays the 16 seed, the 2 seed plays the 15 seed and so on. Last year was the first time in the history of the tournament that a 16 seed defeated a 1 seed and it was by 20 points.

Also, the 11-seeded UMBC (University of Maryland Baltimore County) Retrievers made it all the way to the round of 16. Now this year will be interesting because Zion Williamson, one of the best players in the country, is injured and may not participate in this year's tournament with Duke.

No one knows what the matchups will look like this year until Sunday, March 17th. Surprisingly, Duke may not be a 1 seed with their three top ten players. Personally, I think Virginia will win. They have one of the most prolific scorers in all of college basketball in Kyle Guy and have many good role players.



**By Jesse Manginelli
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March Madness for college basketball is right around the corner. Many people are doing their bets and setting up their brackets to try and win some big bucks. The seeds have already been made.

I will be going through the top seeds for the East and the West. In the East, the number 1 seed is Duke. Without a doubt Duke is a very strong team. They have arguably the best player in the league, Zion Williamson, but Zion is hurt and might miss March Madness. Only time will tell. The number 2 seed in the East is Michigan. Michigan has a great chance to win as well with players like Jordan Poole who averages 12.9 points.

The 3 seed in the East is Marquette. Marquette has players like Markus Howard, who averages an astonishing 25.3 points per game. And finally, for the East, is the 4 seed Iowa State. Iowa also has a good chance at winning. Make sure your brackets are updated! Iowa has Marial Shayok who averages 18.7 points per game. Now off to the wild West. For the West, the number 1 seed is Gonzaga. Gonzaga is a force to be reckoned with. They have

Rui Hachimura, who averages 20.6 points per game. The number 2 seed is Michigan State. Michigan State is stacked with players such as Cassius Winston and Nick Ward. Winston averages 19.2 points and Ward averages 15.1 points per game. The number 3 seed is Kansas. Kansas is insane! They have a stud player, Dedric Lawson, who averages 19 points per game. And finally, the number 4 seed is Louisville.

All these teams have various things in common. They all out do the other competition. Louisville has Jordan Nwora, who averages 17.1 points per game. That is all for this week. Good luck to all!



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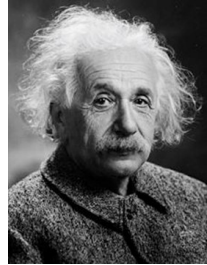
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Have you ever wondered what happened today ten years ago? Twenty years ago? Fifty? In *This Week in History*, I will tell you about the events that happened that particular week that could have impacted our everyday lives or are just really interesting to learn about.



March 14th, 1879

This date marks the birthday of possibly the most well-known scientist of the 20th century, Albert Einstein. Born in Ulm, Germany to Hermann and Pauline Einstein, received a Nobel Peace prize in 1921. His theory of relativity has paved the way for new ways of thinking about space, time, matter, and energy.

March 15th, 44 B.C.

Infamous Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated on this date in the senate chamber in Rome. He was betrayed by his close acquaintance Brutus and other members of the senate. He was stabbed to death.



March 16th, 1751

The 4th President of the United States, James Madison, was born in Port Conway, Virginia on this date. This founding father wrote 29 of the 85 Federalist papers, helped create the constitution, and was Vice President to Thomas Jefferson.

March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day! In celebration of the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick, this holiday is usually celebrated by watching parades and wearing green. One of the best parades is in Chicago, Illinois, where the Chicago River is dyed emerald green for the holiday.



By Liam Ferretti Tusker Tribune Staff

Minecraft is a survival game created by Mojang Studios and developed by 4J studios.

I think it's a good game because of the different tasks you must accomplish. You must find materials, build a home and survive against zombies, skeletons with a bow and arrows, enormous spiders, and something with the name of "Creeper" that suicide bombs you.

The way you are supposed to complete the game is by defeating the Ender Dragon. There is a creative mode that allows you to have every block and an infinite supply of it. The game really takes creativity to play. The game is also the second most popular game ever. In my opinion I give the game an easy 8.87/10.



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Mariana Trench is One of Earth's Great Mysteries

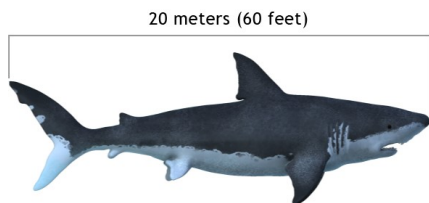


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The Mariana Trench is located off the western Pacific east coast of the Philippines. It is a crescent-shaped scar in the earth's crust that measures more than 1,500 miles long and 43 miles wide on average. The distance between the surface of the ocean and the trench's deepest point is known as "Challengers Deep", and it lies about 200 miles southwest of the U.S. territory of Guam. It is nearly 7 miles below sea level. If you were to put Mount Everest (29,029 feet) in the Mariana trench, you would still have about a mile or so of space left.

Some people believe that the great megalodon (a giant prehistoric shark) could still be alive and living in the Mariana trench.

In 1960 an expedition lead by Jacques Piccard and Don Walsh set out to be the first people to reach the bottom of the Mariana trench. Now I'm not going to say everything that happened, but I will say this: As they got near the bottom of "Challengers Deep", their window cracked and then got hit by something, something huge. As they went up, they realized that it was a shark bite but no shark could handle the water pressure down at this depth other than the megalodon. But



the megalodon had already gone extinct, right?

So, they thought it was a whale bite.



See, what I forgot to mention was that a tooth was stuck to where the creature bit the vessel. A tooth the size of a hand, just like the megalodon's tooth, and it fit perfectly with the description of one, so they went to see if it was a megalodon tooth or not. It turns out it was so now people think that megalodons are still alive and still exist to this day. But other than that, there has been no scientific studies to prove that theory right or wrong.

Now the reason no one has proven this theory right or wrong is because of the water pressure. The water pressure at this depth is so incredibly harsh that at just 535 meters down, the water pressure is equivalent to a polar bear standing on a quarter. Sounds like a lot, right? And that's less than a 20th of the water pressure at the bottom of Challengers Deep.

That means that the water pressure at the bottom of Challengers Deep is 15,000 pounds of pressure per square inch.

Current NBA Standings



In the NBA there is only one goal : win the NBA championship. Here are the top 8 teams in each conference.

East

1. Milwaukee Bucks (51-17)
2. Toronto Raptors (48-20)
3. Philadelphia 76ers (43-25)
4. Indiana Pacers (43-25)
5. Boston Celtics (41-27)
6. Brooklyn Nets (36-34)
7. Detroit Pistons (34-33)
8. Miami Heat (32-35)

SPORTS STUFF



By Mike Abrams

West

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|------------------------|---------|
| Golden State Warriors | (46-21) |
| Denver Nuggets | (44-22) |
| Oklahoma City Thunder | (42-26) |
| Houston Rockets | (42-26) |
| Portland Trail Blazers | (41-26) |
| San Antonio Spurs | (39-29) |
| Utah Jazz | (38-29) |
| L.A. Clippers | (39-30) |

