

Golden tennis ball retriever



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Remy the Golden Retriever helped out the high school tennis team gathering tennis balls Monday afternoon at Fike Park.

Maryland finally wins championship game

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ATLANTA (AP) — The white-haired little boy skittered around the court, oblivious to the whole celebration. Gary Williams scooped up his grandson, looked into his eyes — and smiled.

The coach could relax. Finally.

The Maryland Terrapins had their national championship. Finally.

“I’ve never done this before, so I’m not sure what I’m supposed to be like,” Williams said. “I’m very happy. It’s a thrill, there’s no doubt about it. But I’m really tired.”

No wonder. He kept coaching right to the end, long after Maryland secured a 64-52 victory over Indiana in the title game Monday night.

The tie was askew. The arms were flailing. The voice never wavered. After 24 years of coaching — and Maryland’s history of scandal and disappointment — who could blame him for taking no chances?

“If you’re going to be a good basketball team, you have to play every play,” Williams said. “We don’t want to waste any plays.”

This team, led by seniors Juan Dixon, Lonny Baxter and Byron Mouton, had no intention of letting that happen. Not after the disappointment from 366 days earlier, when the Terrapins squandered a 22-point lead in the Final Four against eventual champion

Duke.

“People asked me if the Duke game was on my mind,” said Baxter, who scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. “I was like, ‘No, it won’t be until I win a national championship.’”

In other words, the Terrapins (32-4) never really forgot. Their game plan was simple: Get back to the Final Four, win two games, cut down the nets — put that bitter defeat behind them.

“They had the courage after last year’s game in the Final Four to set a goal that a lot of people kind of laughed at,” Williams said. “They weren’t afraid to tell people what their goal was.”

This was Maryland’s first appearance in a national championship game and the senior-laden lineup came through over the final 9:42, ending the Hoosiers’ magical run through the NCAA tournament.

“The victory was won,” said Indiana’s second-year coach, Mike Davis, who succeeded Bob Knight and took a No. 5 seed to the final game of the season. “We had a chance tonight, but Maryland is a much better team than we are.”

It wasn’t always that way. Williams guided his alma mater from the depths of probation 13 years ago to the pinnacle of college basketball. He took over just three years after the cocaine-induced death of star Len Bias, inheriting a program wracked by scandal.

Eagle junior varsity tennis squad plays in Garden City tournament

The Colby Eagle junior varsity team traveled to Garden City Monday for the Garden City JV Tournament.

The team faced tough competition against larger 5A and 6A schools, according to coach Bill Weber, and three of the Eagles were playing in their first

career matches.

“They gained valuable experience for future tournaments,” Weber said.

Simon Roesch played #1 singles, placing 7th with a 2-2 match record.

The #1 doubles team of Brett Dempewolf and Ian Meyers was 1-3

for 11th place and Chris Barnum and Luke Rogers, playing in the #2 doubles slot, were 0-5 for 12th place at the tournament.

The junior varsity squad will host tennis at 3 p.m. on April 16th, and travels to Russell on April 23.

Broncos sign Pro-Bowl receiver

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos have confirmed they have signed free agent wide receiver Rob Moore to back up Rod Smith and Ed McCaffrey.

The team also has signed unrestricted free agent safety Izell Reese

from the Dallas Cowboys and running back Reuben Droughns, who was waived by the Detroit Lions after one season.

Moore, 33, missed most of the past two seasons in Arizona with injuries and was released by the Cardinals in

February. He is a two-time Pro Bowler and has caught 628 passes for 9,368 yards and 49 touchdowns in a 10-year career.

Reese started 15 of 56 games with the Cowboys and had seven interceptions and 144 tackles.

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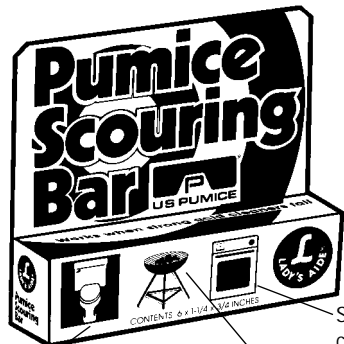


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