Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:18 AM - Last Updated Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:39 PM

Written by Staff Reports

Monday's Sports In Brief By The Associated Press DORAL, Fla. (AP) — On the eve of NFL free agency, trades involving top receivers Anguan Boldin and Percy Harvin grabbed the headlines. In an odd twist Monday, Boldin went from the Ravens to the San Francisco 49ers, the team he helped Baltimore beat 34-31 in last month's Super Bowl. Harvin, who expressed his discontent in Minnesota, was sent to Seattle, where he will join former Vikings teammate Sidney Rice. San Francisco acquired the 32-year-old Boldin for a sixth-round draft pick. Boldin, a star in Baltimore's run to the Super Bowl title last season, must pass a physical to complete the deal. PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick's book-signing tour has been canceled because of threats against him for running a dogfighting ring. The Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback was scheduled to sign copies of his autobiography "Finally Free," at Barnes & Noble stores in Atlanta, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The March 26 appearance set for Exton, Pa., was listed as canceled on the company's website.

A person with knowledge of the situation, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the

Written by Staff Reports

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:18 AM - Last Updated Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:39 PM

sensitivity of the situation, told The Associated Press the signings were scrapped because of threats against Vick and store employees. Vick served 18 months in federal prison for his role in running the dogfighting ring. According to court papers in the cases of Vick and his co-defendants, Vick bankrolled the operation and joined others in killing dogs that didn't perform well.

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell imagines a day when football players could be checked to determine whether their genetic makeup makes them more likely to develop brain disease.

He also envisions players being required to wear helmets containing sensors to detect hits that cause concussions. Those helmets might be lighter and "less of a weapon" than today's.

Those are the kinds of advances the NFL and General Electric are hoping to produce in a partnership that could funnel up to \$60 million over four years to research on head injuries.

Goodell said that concussion lawsuits brought by thousands of ex-players had "no impact" on such efforts.

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Robert Griffin III remains ahead of schedule in his rehabilitation from major knee surgery.

Washington Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said that Griffin's muscles are stronger than expected at this stage in the quarterback's recovery from the January surgery to repair two ligaments in the right knee.

Shanahan says Griffin is working out at Redskins Park twice a day for a combined six to seven hours.

FLORHAM PARK, N.J (AP) — The New York Jets signed quarterback David Garrard to back up

Sports Briefs - March 11, 2013 Written by Staff Reports Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:18 AM - Last Updated Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:39 PM — and provide a challenge to — starter Mark Sanchez. Garrard has not played in the NFL since 2010. Garrard started 76 games in nine seasons with Jacksonville. He played in the 2009 Pro Bowl. WASHINGTON (AP) — Cornerback DeAngelo Hall was released by the Washington Redskins, a casualty of the team's NFL-imposed salary cap penalty. NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Giants are allowing Victor Cruz to enter restricted free agency, placing a first-round tender on the wide receiver. Team owner John Mara said the Giants will risk having Cruz agree to a contract with another club. New York has the right to match any offer. If the Giants allow him to leave, they will get a first-round draft choice as compensation. The tender is worth \$2.879 million for 2012 for Cruz, who has not made half of that in his three pro seasons. But Cruz believes he can earn more on the open market. **BASEBALL** PHOENIX (AP) — Zack Greinke was scratched from his spring training start for the Dodgers, went to Los Angeles and was diagnosed with inflammation in the back of his right elbow.

The Dodgers said the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner was examined by Dr. Neal ElAttrache and that an MRI in Arizona last week "showed there was no structural damage to the ligaments

or tendons of the elbow."

Written by Staff Reports
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:18 AM - Last Updated Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:39 PM

Greinke, signed to a \$147 million, six-year contract in December as a free agent, received an injection of platelet-rich plasma and anti-inflammatory medication, according to the team. The Dodgers said the right-hander will rest for two to three days and then go on a progressive throwing program.

VIERA, Fla. (AP) — The banged-up New York Yankees would love to have Chipper Jones. General manager Brian Cashman even said so, expressing interest in the retired Atlanta Braves star.

"He'd be perfect," Cashman said at Yankees' camp in Tampa. "I'd take Larry in a heartbeat. I think everybody would."

The eight-time All-Star third baseman — better known by his nickname than actual first name — quickly ended such talk.

"Enough with the rumors!" Jones tweeted. "While I am flattered about the speculation of being enticed out of retirement, I'm happy with life as a bad golfer!"

## PRO BASKETBALL

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP) — Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving could miss the next month — and maybe the rest of this season — with a sprained left shoulder, the latest injury to sideline the All-Star guard.

Irving, who has dealt with several injuries during his brief NBA career, sprained his shoulder Sunday night in a loss to Toronto. He collided with Raptors rookie forward Jonas Valanciunas while trying to drive the baseline. Irving stayed in the game, but was taken out after he was unable to raise his left arm while shooting free throws.

#### Sports Briefs - March 11, 2013

Written by Staff Reports Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:18 AM - Last Updated Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:39 PM

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Gonzaga is no one-week wonder at No. 1.

Gonzaga received 54 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel. Duke, which received the other 11 first-place votes, moved up one spot to second after beating Virginia Tech and North Carolina last week. Indiana dropped one place to third after losing to Ohio State then rallying for the dramatic win at Michigan that gave the Hoosiers the outright Big Ten title.

Louisville jumped from eighth to No. 4 and was followed by Georgetown.

Baylor remained No. 1 in the women's poll for a 10th consecutive week. The top four stayed the same, with Notre Dame, Connecticut and Stanford following Baylor.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana coach Tom Crean says he apologized to Michigan assistant Jeff Meyer for their heated exchange after Sunday's game.

The incident happened on the court after the Hoosiers beat the Wolverines 72-71 for the Big Ten title. Indianapolis TV station WRTV showed Crean being restrained as he yelled at Meyer: "You know what you did. You helped wreck the program. You helped wreck our program."

Crean was hired by Indiana in 2008 and inherited a program burdened by NCAA sanctions for violations under former coach Kelvin Sampson. Meyer served on Sampson's staff but was cleared of any major violations.

#### **TENNIS**

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Defending champion Roger Federer beat Ivan Dodig of Croatia

### Sports Briefs - March 11, 2013

PUBLIC

Written by Staff Reports Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:18 AM - Last Updated Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:39 PM 6-3, 6-1 in a third-round match at the BNP Paribas Open, with the Swiss star tweaking his back near the end of the match. Victoria Azarenka, the defending women's champion, needed three sets to move on. SOCCER Facing its former coach for the first time, the United States came from behind to tie Sweden 1-1 on Alex Morgan's 56th-minute goal at Lagos Portugal and advance to the Algarve Cup final for the 10th time in 11 years. ZURICH (AP) — The fallout from the Mohamed bin Hammam corruption scandal in soccer led to FIFA suspending another leading Asian member of its executive committee on Monday. Vernon Manilal Fernando of Sri Lanka, a close ally of the disgraced former FIFA presidential candidate, has been banned from any soccer activities for up to 90 days. FIFA said this was "to prevent interference with the establishment of the truth" during an ethics investigation. **CYCLING** PORTO SANT'ELPIDIO, Italy (AP) — Defending champion Vincenzo Nibali took the overall lead from Chris Froome in the next-to-last stage of the Tirreno-Adriatico won by Peter Sagan.