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What are the smart tennis players wearing for their entrances at Wimbledon this year? First we have Roger Federer — who had worn white blazers the past two years — in a herringbone-pattern cardigan with gold trim and his initial “F” on the chest. “I thought two jackets was enough,” he said. “Let’s move on to something different. We thought about something nice, like a cardigan, a jumper. I think the result is nice.” Excellent. Serena Williams, meanwhile, opted for a white-belted, thigh-length raincoat, because “You know, I absolutely love trench coats. Now I have a wonderful white coat I can wear on the court and also in New York for those rainy days. ... It’s ladylike and goes perfect with my personality. It’s very light. It’s just delectable.” Yes, it is. Absolutely scrumptious.

THE TICKER

DeVries lends hand to hometown

The high school that Lions defensive end Jared DeVries holds very dear will be leveled this summer. It was already pretty destroyed by a tornado that hit his hometown of Parkersburg, Iowa, in May.

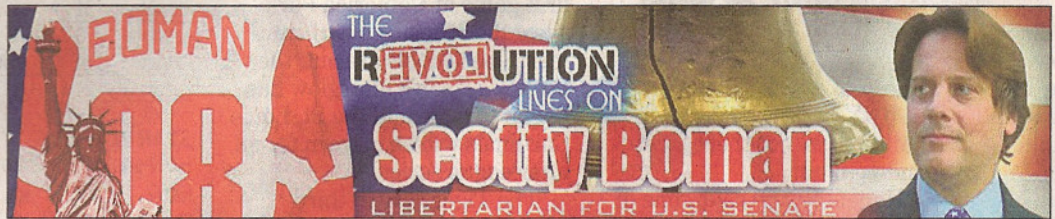
DeVries went home to survey the damage himself.

“My head is all tingly. I just can’t process all this,” he says in an **ESPN.com** feature story. “Maybe a tornado takes out a barn or two, maybe a couple farms. But not a town. Not half a town. It’s unbelievable ...”

The home of coach Ed Thomas also was destroyed. He was the 2005 NFL High School Coach of the Year, having started DeVries, Green Bay’s Aaron Kampman, Denver’s Casey Wiegmann and Jacksonville’s Brad Meester on their way to the NFL.

The Parkersburg Applington students will be moved to a middle school while awaiting a new building. In the meantime, the football Falcons hope to have facilities ready for their Sept. 5 home opener.

DeVries and his fellow alumni hit up teammates for donations — much of which will be matched by the NFL



boman08.com

Scotty Boman, a Libertarian candidate in Michigan’s senatorial race, is not related to THE Scotty Bowman. He wants to make that perfectly clear by putting something that looks like a Red Wings jersey on his Web site.

—and attended a weekend fund-raiser in Cedar Falls.

“We’re trying to do everything we can to help out,” DeVries said.

Open mike, Part 1

Did Don Imus learn anything after losing his previous syndicated radio/MSNBC show for insulting the Rutgers women’s basketball team?

Consider this exchange with sportscaster Warner Wolf on Imus’ current show on another New York station. The subject: Adam (formerly Pacman) Jones’ problems with strip clubs and the law.

Imus: “What color is he?”

Wolf: “He’s African-American.”

Imus: “Well, there you go. Now we know.”

There’s a link to the audio at **profootballtalk.com**.

Open mike, Part 2

Uh-oh. Shaquille O’Neal was rapping about Kobe Bryant in a New York club Sunday night, and of course the video ended up on **TMZ.com**.

In it, Shaq raps that Bryant couldn’t do it without him and also blames him for his divorce: “I’m a horse. Kobe ratted me out. That’s why I’m getting divorced.”

In 2004, when Bryant was being investigated for rape, he alleged O’Neal had paid \$1 million in hush money to women of his own.

Monday, O’Neal gave ESPN a statement: “I was freestyling. That’s all. It was all done in fun. Nothing serious whatsoever. ... I’m totally cool with

Kobe.

“Everyone that knows Shaq knows two things about me: One, that I’m a rapper, and two, that I’m a comedian.”

Yeah, just check out his “Best of Shaquille O’Neal” CD.

Bottom line

Wow. First Todd Jones, then Curtis Granderson went on record — in the **Freep** and **ESPN.com**, respectively — to voice the team’s outrage over a slight to Ryan Raburn by a San Francisco writer.

In honor of the late George Carlin, add “scrub” to “The Seven Words You Can Never Say to the Tigers.”

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THE GUIDE

Today’s TV highlights

7 a.m. **(ESPN2)** Tennis: Wimbledon, early rounds.
4 p.m. **(GOLF)** CVS Caremark Charity Classic, final round.

6:30 **(FSN)** Tigers: Pregame ceremony honoring Detroit’s 1968 World Series champions.

7:00 **(FSN)** Tigers: Detroit vs. St. Louis.
7:00 **(ESPN)** Baseball:

Georgia vs. Fresno State, College World Series finals, Game 2.

8:00 **(WGN)** Baseball: Baltimore at Chicago Cubs.

9:00 **(ESPN2)** WNBA: Houston at San Antonio.

Radio highlights

7 p.m. — Tigers: Detroit vs. St. Louis, **WXYT-AM** (1270), **WXYT-FM** (97.1), **WTKA-AM** (1050).

7:00 — Shock: Detroit at

Connecticut, **WDTW-AM** (1310).

Area events

Golf: PGA Buick Open, practice rounds 7 a.m., Buick

family golf clinic 3 p.m., Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club, Grand Blanc, 800-878-6736 or **buick.com/buickopen**
Baseball: Tigers vs. St. Louis, 7:05 p.m., Comerica Park. 866-668-4437.

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