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Matt Veto of the Quad-Cities Online profiles Quad City Flames defenseman and Stingrays captain Brad Farynuk: <http://www.qconline.com/archives/qco/display.php?id=432416>

Steve Pinizzotto story from Wednesday's Patriot News:

<http://www.pennlive.com/columns/patriotnews/leone/index.ssf?/base/columnists/1238549114130740.xml&coll=1>

Andrew Gordon engages in his first professional fight, dropping the gloves with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's Chris Minard last weekend at Giant Center:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9aRKWnGgHY&feature=player_embedded

A victory this evening in Gwinnett would give the Rays back-to-back 90-point seasons for the first time in team history. It would also mark only the fifth time SC has recorded 20 or more road wins in a season.

40 players have skated for South Carolina this season, third highest in team history. Only the 1995-96 (45) and 2005-06 (47) clubs utilized more players.

The Stingrays team record for fewest goals allowed in a season is 192, set by last year's club. The 2008-09 Rays, for those keeping track, have surrendered just 186 markers.

Hershey's roster was beefed up even more yesterday with hulking blueliner [Joe Finley](#) joining the team from the University of North Dakota. Finley, 6-foot-7, 240 pounds, was Washington's 1st round pick in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft (27th overall), and signed a two-year entry level contract with the club.

The Bears could also see goaltender [Braden Holtby](#) donning the chocolate and white tonight after his Saskatoon Blades were eliminated from the WHL playoffs. Holtby, who signed an entry level deal with Washington earlier this season, is, according to The StarPhoenix, on his way to Chocolatetown:

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/Sports/Holtby+called+squad+after+Blades+loss/1457293/story.html>

2006-07 Stingray Kyle Wilson is inching closer to his second straight season of playing every game for the Bears, as Tim Leone of the Patriot News reports:

<http://www.pennlive.com/hersheybears/patriotnews/index.ssf?/base/sports/1238725514207380.xml&coll=1>

Has any organization, including its affiliates, had a better 2008-09 than the Capitals?

Washington = 47 wins, 1st place in NHL Southeast Division

Hershey = 47 wins, 1st place in AHL East Division

South Carolina = 41 wins, 2nd place in ECHL South Division

[Christian Hanson](#) signed a two-year entry level deal with the Toronto Maple Leafs this week. Hanson is the son of Dave Hanson, a former minor league enforcer known for his role as one of the Hanson Brothers in the film *Slap Shot*.

"Today is a somber day. This is a day that represents failure. I'm not happy. Any day you have to stand in front of the media and talk about not qualifying for the playoffs should be a kick right in the groin to everyone in the organization." -- Maple Leafs GM Bryan Burke on his club being officially eliminated from the playoffs.

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