

## NEWSMAKERS

## ORIOLES

The team added five players to its 40-man roster Tuesday, and announced the addition of catcher Jose Reyes via a minor league contract. Reyes, 24, appeared in four games with the Chicago Cubs in 2006, going 1-for-5. Reyes, who missed this past season after having surgery to remove bone chips from his right elbow, is invited to spring training. The Orioles added minor leaguer pitchers Brad Bergesen, David Hernandez, Chorye Spooner (Northeast High) and Wilfrido Perez, and outfielder Nolan Reimold to the 40-man roster.



— Sean Welsh

## LOYOLA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cornell's Ryan Wittman scored 24 points and Jeff Foote 19 to lead their team to an 82-72 win over the Greyhounds in the NIT Season Tip-off tournament Tuesday. Geoff Reeves added 12 points and Alex Tyler 11 for the Big Red (2-1), who lost to St. John's in Monday's opening round. Tony Lewis led the Greyhounds (1-3) with 23 points, Brett Harvey had 18 and Isaac Reid and 13.

## AMY WATSON

The junior runner on the Navy cross country team has been selected as an individual qualifier for the NCAA Championship in Terre Haute, Ind., on Nov. 24. Watson, a native of Hampstead and former standout at North Carol High, placed 21st out of 191 runners at the Mid-Atlantic Region Championship on Saturday, earning her one of just 38 individual berths to the title meet. She is the fifth Navy women's cross country runner since 1992 to earn an invitation to the championship meet.



Watson

## TOWSON WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Tigers finished the regular season with a 25-16, 25-22, 25-16 victory over Delaware this past weekend. Towson (19-11, 8-6 Colonial Athletic Association) advances to the CAA Tournament on Friday, when the sixth-seeded Tigers rematch the third-seeded Blue Hens (16-15, 9-5). Towson is led by senior outside hitter Maddie Haseltine, who has a team-high 319 kills and 32 aces.



Haseltine

— Dave Carey

## FOOTBALL » RAVENS

## Cashing in wins at M&amp;T Bank Stadium

By Ron Snyder  
Examiner Staff Writer

This is how impressive the Ravens are at M&T Bank Stadium: They are 49-19 in home games since their Super Bowl season of 2000, ranking them third in the league behind powers New England (52-18) and Indianapolis (50-19).

The Ravens have continued their success at home this season, as they've outscored the opposition, 84-43, and won three of four games, with their lone loss to the undefeated Tennessee Titans (10-0).

The Ravens (6-4) enter the home-stretch of an intriguing season by playing four of their final six games at M&T Bank Stadium, beginning Sunday afternoon at 1 against the reeling Philadelphia Eagles (5-4-1). It will be the team's first home games since a victory over Oakland on Oct. 26. The Ravens went 2-1 on their three-game road trip, beating Cleveland and Houston before falling to the Giants on Sunday.

"I hope our home crowd reacts to the fact that we've done a pretty good job these five weeks," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "[The loss to New York] notwithstanding, our guys have gotten better every week. They've worked hard to be a good football team, certainly a contender right now, and I'd expect our crowd to be juiced up for this game."

It's imperative the Ravens defeat the Eagles to maintain their spot in the playoff hunt. If the season ended today, the Ravens would be in the playoffs as the sixth — and final — seed and would play at the AFC East champion New York Jets (7-3).

"We're in the thick of it more than half way through the season and that's all you can ask for," right tackle Adam Terry said. "And to get to come home now after playing for so long on the road can only help."

The Ravens' defense especially

## HOME SWEET HOME

The Ravens have one of the league's best home records during the regular season the past eight years.

Team	Home record	Pct.
1. Patriots	52-18	.743
2. Colts	50-19	.725
3. Ravens	49-19	.720
4. Broncos	49-20	.710
5. Steelers	48-20-1	.696

## CHARMING CITY

Here is how the Ravens have fared at home during the regular season since 2000.

Year	Home record	Overall
2000	6-2	12-4
2001	6-2	10-6
2002	4-4	7-9
2003	7-1	10-6
2004	6-2	9-7
2005	6-2	6-10
2006	7-1	13-3
2007	4-4	5-11
2008	3-1	6-4*

\*Through 10 games

has been tenacious at home, as they have seven interceptions and 10 sacks in Baltimore this season. The team gives up an average of 10.7 points at M&T Bank Stadium compared to 22.8 in opponents' stadiums.

So why are the Ravens so much better at home?

"Having played with them and against them, I know how they play on defense," said former Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who now plays for the Cleveland Browns. "When they start forcing turnovers and getting all the momentum, it's over. Once they get the momentum, they start coming with their exotic blitzes and creating more pressure. That's why you can't let things go their way."

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL » MARYLAND

## Make no mistake: Terrapins ready for Seminoles

*Maryland will win ACC Atlantic with victories in final two games*

By Sean Welsh  
Examiner Staff Writer

Maryland senior defensive tackle Jeremy Navarre is convinced his team has learned from its mistakes.

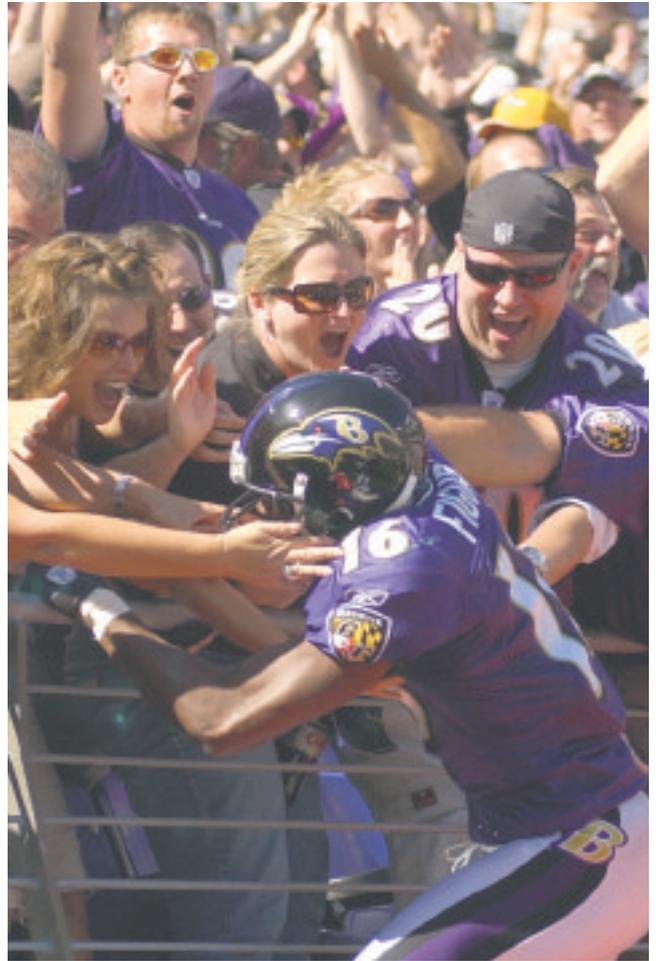
The Terrapins will take the field at Byrd Stadium on Saturday night at 7:45 against Florida State knowing all of their goals — an Atlantic Division title, a berth in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game and an invitation to the Bowl Championship Series — are all within reach.

They just have to grab them — something they didn't do the last time they were in this situation two years

ago. In 2006, Maryland entered the final regular season game needing to defeat Wake Forest to advance to the conference championship game. The result: The Terrapins fell, 38-24, to the Demon Deacons, who went on to win the ACC title and play in the Orange Bowl.

"It's the same mindset," Navarre said. "Two years ago if we beat Wake, we would have played for the [ACC] championship. Here, if we win out, we're going to do the same thing. We learned from that situation."

The Terrapins (7-3 overall, 4-2 ACC) can clinch the division title and berth in the conference final against the Coastal Division winner on Dec. 6 with a victory over the Seminoles (7-3, 4-3) and a loss by Boston College (7-3, 3-3) at Wake Forest (6-4, 4-3) earlier in the day. If Maryland and Boston College both win on Saturday, their meeting on



Yamon Figurs and the Ravens own the league's third-best home record since 2000.

Ravens cornerback Samari Rolle said playing in a friendly environment is advantageous for one of the league's most inexperienced teams, which features rookie quarterback

Joe Flacco and rookie running back Ray Rice.

"We've got to regroup," he said, "and get back to work."  
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## UP NEXT

**Maryland (7-3, 4-2) vs. Florida State (7-3, 4-3)**

When: Saturday, 7:45 p.m.

Where: Byrd Stadium

TV/Radio: ESPN/105.7 FM, 1300 AM

Nov. 29 in Chestnut Hill, Mass., will be for the division title. The winner of the conference championship game in Tampa, Fla., advances to a Bowl Championship Series game, where it earns \$17 million.

"We've been doing that the last few weeks [at practice], saying, 'Win the next game. Win the next game,' instead of saying, 'ACC Championship, ACC Championship,'" senior linebacker Moise Fokou said. "I think that's helped us out a lot, especially

since we're focusing on the next opponent instead of the championship."

The Terrapins last won the ACC title in 2001 — Coach Ralph Friedgen's first season in College Park — but have never played in the conference title game since its inception in 2005.

"Right now, this is it," Navarre said. "We don't want to blow this shot right now. This opportunity doesn't come around too much."

Friedgen knows it will be easy to motivate his team.

"I think we all know what's at stake going in," he said. "I'm just talking to our kids about playing good, and I'm not making a big deal out of it. I think they already know the deal. I told them [Monday] night, 'I want to be a cheerleader this week.'"

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