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**2007 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

## Tall order ahead for Liberty

Record-setting Flames set to take on Cal in first-round match

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When Liberty volleyball coach Shane Pinder saw his team's NCAA tournament draw Sunday, he was actually sort of pleased.

"In years past, we've played No. 1 through No. 4," Pinder said. "So actually, playing No. 10 is a little better. But they're a real good No. 10."

Instead of drawing one of the tournament's top seeds, the Flames drew California, the fourth-place team from the Pac-10 and 10<sup>th</sup> overall seed in the 64-team field.

Liberty, which is making its first NCAA appearance since 2001, faces the Golden Bears today at 5 p.m. at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium.

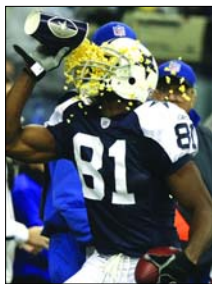
The winner advances to a second-round match Saturday at 4 p.m. against the winner of the Duke-American match.

Liberty set a Division I program record this season with 27 victories and ended Winthrop's 63-match Big South winning streak. But the Flames (27-6) haven't faced anyone quite like the Golden Bears (22-7). Please see **LIBERTY**, Page D2

### Liberty's NCAA tournament appearances

- ▶ 2001 — lost to Southern Cal, 3-0
- ▶ 1999 — lost to Florida, 3-0
- ▶ 1997 — lost to Notre Dame, 3-0

### NFL



AP photo

Terrell Owens throws popcorn in his face after scoring a TD in the second quarter.

## Cowboys cover up Green Bay

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Standing on the sideline, scowling and gingerly holding his bandaged right arm, all Brett Favre could do was watch Tony Romo impersonate him.

The kid was good. Too good for Favre and the Green Bay Packers.

The Wisconsin native who spent all week denying Favre was Please see **COWBOYS**, Page D8



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## VIRGINIA TECH ACC BOSTON COLLEGE

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Staff photo by Chet White

Virginia Tech senior wide receiver Josh Morgan had a pin in his broken right ring finger taken out at halftime of the Hokies' 33-21 win at Virginia.

# Pinned emotion

Morgan is determined to make amends for dropped kick against BC

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Virginia Tech senior wide receiver Josh Morgan removed his bloody right glove just before halftime last Saturday at Virginia's Scott Stadium and saw about a half-inch of metal protruding from the top of his ring finger.

The pin that was placed in the finger a couple of months ago to stabilize a broken bone was trying to sneak out. It was a frightening sight. Not because of how the finger looked, but because Morgan didn't know if it was going to keep him off the football field for any prolonged period of time. It wouldn't if he could help it. He had to get back on the field.

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*"I sat in the parking lot and just thought about it over and over. To be honest, I just got over it when we beat Uva and I knew I had a chance to redeem myself against these guys."*

Josh Morgan, On missing the inside kick that led to the final Boston College touchdown in the Hokies' 14-10 loss on Oct. 25

## Multiple bowl destinations hinge on title game

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — There's only one game left to play in the ACC — Saturday's championship between Virginia Tech and Boston College. The conference's upper-tiered bowl selection process won't start until that

domino falls, however. The only certainty in what has been an unpredictable season is that the winner of Saturday's ACC title game will go to the Orange Bowl. Beyond that, who knows? Heck, there is even a perfect-storm scenario that would put Virginia Tech in the national championship game (Missouri loses to Oklahoma, West

Virginia loses to Pittsburgh, LSU loses to Tennessee and Virginia Tech beats Boston College and jumps idle Georgia in the BCS rankings). The ACC bowl selection order is as follows: the Orange Bowl (Jan. 3 in Miami), the Chick-fil-A Bowl (Dec. 31 in Atlanta), the Gator Bowl (Jan. 1 in Jacksonville, Fla.) and the Champs Sports Bowl (Dec. 28 in Orlando).

The Chick-fil-A will select between the championship game loser (provided the ACC doesn't get a second BCS bid), Clemson and Virginia. The bowl has a history of selecting teams that travel well, something that bodes well for Virginia Tech and Clemson and not Virginia and Boston College. Please see **BOWLS**, Page D4

### Probable bowl scenario for top four ACC teams

	FedEx Orange Bowl Jan. 3, Miami, Fla.	Chick-fil-A Bowl Dec. 31, Atlanta, Ga.	Konica Minolta Gator Bowl Jan. 1, Jacksonville, Fla.	Champs Sports Bowl Dec. 28, Orlando, Fla.
If Virginia Tech wins				
If Boston College wins				

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