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regarding today's events," Slocum said.

In addition, all Tuesday and most Wednesday soccer and volleyball non-conference competitions at all Big 12 schools have been postponed.

Conference officials noted that every attempt will be made to reschedule the Wednesday league volleyball matches.

Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg has been in consultation with the athletic directors of the 12 members of the conference, as well as university officials about security concerns at upcoming Big 12 events and about possible transportation problems.

Thursday and Friday nonconference contests in all sports are pending and will be played at the discretion of Big 12 schools and non-league opponents.

Thursday's Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso football game has

games involving Big 12 teams is pending for Saturday.

"We are in the process of contacting the Big 12 board of directors, other conference commissioners, directors of athletics, the NCAA and other governing bodies about the status of competition and other practical travel and security issues," Weiberg said.

In addition, two Thursday night college football games were postponed, and suspension of this week's schedule of Division I games is being considered.

The Atlantic Coast Conference announced the postponement of all athletic events through Thursday, including Penn State at Virginia and Ohio at North Carolina State.

Earlier Tuesday, the commissioners from all the I-A conferences, including the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 2, Pac-10 and Southeastern, discussed their options for staging this weekend's games in a conference call hours after the attacks.

"We're going to monitor and carefully evaluate everything, and definitely make a decision tomorrow (Wednesday) on our weekend football games," said Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese, speaking only for his own league's games.

He added, "The commissioners will be talking to their institutions on conference calls, and then we will talk again and make a collective decision."

Two other games are scheduled for Thursday night — Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso and Kentucky Wesleyan at Tennessee-Martin. Colorado State is at UNLV on Friday night.

In Division I, there are 116 games scheduled Thursday a day for us to reflect on things through Saturday, including other than football."

ule for the other nine football three major matchups in the state of Florida - No. 13 Washington at No. 1 Miami, No. 8 Tennessee at No. 2 Florida and No. 10 Georgia Tech at No. 6 Florida State

The final decision on whether to play, though, could rest with the federal government, not the commissioners. The government most likely will determine if teams can travel by air and if it is safe for large crowds to gather at stadiums nationwide.

"It may be out of our hands," Tranghese said. "There are a lot of issues, emotional ones. Kids flying, playing in large venues with a lot of people and if the government says do something, we do it.'

NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said the NCAA would cooperate with any executive orders issued by President Bush.

"The games themselves are insignificant in the face of what has happened today," Dempsey said. "Our focus is entirely on the safety of student-athletes, athletics personnel and fans. We urge schools to make sound decisions about proceeding with contests today and in the coming days."

Many schools canceled practice Tuesday, including UCLA, which is scheduled to play host to Arizona State in the Rose Bowl on Saturday.

"I met with the team and it was a very emotional meeting," said Bruins coach Bob Toledo. 'The team was sensitive to the feelings of the people who have suffered a great loss.'

"After listening to comments from several members of the team, I decided that regardless of whether or not we play the game Saturday, today should be

put on hold

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball postponed its entire schedule of 15 games Tuesday night following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, and other sports also called off their events.

Aside from work stoppages, it was the first time since D-Day in 1944 that baseball wiped out a whole day of regular-season

The NFL, criticized for playing after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, said it was not sure what it would do with this weekend's schedule. College football commissioners were considering postponing the weekend's entire schedule of games, with a decision expected as early as Wednesday. Race tracks around the nation called off their cards.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said he and his wife were in New York last week, and "we went to the World Trade Centers because I hadn't been there in a while. Now to believe that they don't exist anymore.'

Yankee Stadium, perhaps the building that most symbolizes American sports, was evacuated within 90 minutes of the first attacks on the World Trade Center.

The Chicago White Sox arrived in New York hours before the attacks for the start of their series against the Yankees.

The NFL was unsure what it would do.

The PGA Tour canceled Thursday's starts of the World Golf Championship and two other tournaments.

Commissioner Tim Finchem said the American Express Championship in St. Louis, featuring Tiger Woods and top players from tours around the world, would begin Friday with 36 holes.

The Senior Tour will remain on schedule, with a 54-hole event that starts Friday in North Carolina.

The Thoroughbred Racing Association canceled all its cards Tuesday, shuttering tracks at Delaware Park in Stanton, Del; Finger Lakes in Farmington, N.J.; the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J.; Philadelphia Park in Bensalem Pa., and Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa.

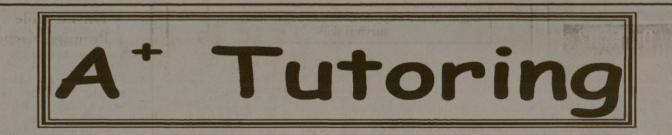
Cards also were wiped out at Great Lake Downs in Muskegon, Mich.; Fairplex in Pomona, Calif., and Moutaineer Park in Chester,

The Swiss-based International Olympic Committee expressed a "profound sense of shock and disbelief" at the attacks.

IOC president Jacques Rogge expressed "deepest sympathy" to the families of the victims and sent letters of condolence to President Bush, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee.

NASCAR also was monitoring the situation before making any decision on Sunday's New Hampshire 300, spokesman John Griffin said. The Indy Racing League said it will decide Wednesday on the status of Sunday's Chevy 500 at Texas Motor Speedway.

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EXAS A&M SPORTS POSTPONEMENTS The Texas A&M volleyball team's

match against the Oklahoma Sooners Wednesday will be rescheduled for a later date.

The Texas A&M women's golf team's tournament has been pushed back to a two-day tournament on Friday and Saturday. The team will leave by bus for the Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., Wednesday.

A&M football head coach R.C. Slocum canceled football practice Tuesday.

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