

SPORTS BRIEFS

Former Spain midfielder Reyes dies in traffic accident at 35

MADRID – José Antonio Reyes, the former Spain midfielder who won five Europa League titles and was part of Arsenal's unbeaten "Invincibles" squad, has been killed in a traffic accident at the age of 35.

Sevilla and second-division club Extremadura, where Reyes played this past season, both confirmed the death on Saturday.

"We couldn't be confirming worse news. Beloved Sevilla star José Antonio Reyes has died in a traffic collision. Rest in peace," Sevilla said on Twitter.

Reyes also played for Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid among other clubs in a professional career that spanned nearly 20 years, after making his debut for Sevilla as a 16-year-old.

He helped Arsenal go unbeaten through the 2003-04 season, scoring two crucial goals toward the end of the campaign to keep that record intact. He also won a Spanish league title with Real Madrid, and five Europa League crowns with Sevilla and Atletico Madrid. He also made 21 appearances for Spain between 2003-06.

"I am devastated to hear the terrible news about Jose," former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said in a statement. "To his family and friends, all support from everyone in the Arsenal family. He will remain forever in our hearts."

Arsenal said it would fly the club flag at half mast at its training ground on Saturday.

Reyes' former Arsenal teammate Thierry Henry also said he was "devas-



Former Spain midfielder Jose Antonio Reyes was killed in a traffic accident at the age of 35, Sevilla said in a statement Saturday. He won five Europa League titles and was part of Arsenal's unbeaten "Invincibles" squad. AP FILE

tated" by the news.

"Wonderful player, superb team mate and exceptional human being," Henry wrote on Twitter.

Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos, who like Reyes came up through the youth ranks at Sevilla and played alongside him for Spain and Madrid, also expressed his sadness.

"Broken. Shattered. I have no words," Ramos wrote in Spanish on Twitter. "All the love to the family. We'll always remember you, friend! RIP brother."

Because of the death, the Spanish football federation postponed the seven second-division matches that were scheduled to be played on Sunday.

Panthers, SC governor plan party to sign tax break bill

ROCK HILL, S.C. – The Carolina Panthers and South Carolina's governor are inviting people to a party in Rock Hill to

celebrate up to \$120 million in tax breaks.

Gov. Henry McMaster plans a ceremonial signing of the tax break bill Wednesday in downtown Rock Hill.

The invitation from the city said there will be Panthers players or coaches, mascot Sir Purr and cheerleaders.

McMaster officially signed the bill into law May 22. It exempts the Panthers from paying state income taxes for players, coaches and other employees for 15 years as long as they use the money to build their new complex near Rock Hill.

Opponents said the state shouldn't have to help a billionaire NFL owner.

The team would continue to play games in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Serena Williams joins No. 1 Osaka on way out of French Open

PARIS – Serena Williams' quest for a 24th Grand Slam title ended with her earliest loss at a major tournament in five years.

Williams was outplayed in the third round of the French Open by 20-year-old American Sofia Kenin, who used clean, deep groundstrokes to put together the 6-2, 7-5 upset Saturday.

It was the second significant surprise in a matter of hours: Earlier in the day, No. 1 seed Naomi Osaka was eliminated 6-4, 6-2 by 42nd-ranked Katerina Sinikova of the Czech Republic. That ended Osaka's 16-match Grand Slam winning streak, which included titles at the U.S. Open final in September – when she beat Williams in the final – and at the Australian Open in January.

Osaka was trying to become the first woman to win three consecutive major

trophies since Williams grabbed four in a row in 2014-15, a run that was preceded by a second-round loss at Roland Garros and a third-round loss at Wimbledon.

Since those early-for-her defeats, Williams had won six of the 14 majors she entered to surpass Steffi Graf's professional-era record of 22 Grand Slam singles championships. With 23, Williams stands one away from Margaret Court's mark for the most in tennis history; Court played in both the professional and amateur eras.

Williams, who is 37, sat out four Slams in 2017-18 while she was off the tour to have a baby. Her first major tournament back was last year's French Open, where she withdrew before a fourth-round match because of a chest muscle injury. She went on to reach the finals of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open before wasting match points during a quarterfinal loss at the Australian Open.

Williams came to Paris having played only four matches since then; she withdrew from two tournaments because of an injured left knee and another because of illness.

She struggled through her opening match at the French Open, which she has won three times, and again against the 35th-ranked Kenin, who never before had made it to the round of 16 at a major.

But Kenin played quite well, never showing a trace of nerves. It was Williams whose strokes were off-target: Her 34 unforced errors were twice as many as Kenin's total.

Remarkably, Kenin broke Williams four times, while only ceding one of her own service games.

– Wire services

Track

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jas won the title at 1:56.04. Silverton's Jadon Mansur was fifth at 1:58.55.

300-meter hurdles: Silverton's Anthony Fleshman was second at 39.13.

4x400 relay: Silverton's team of Anthony Fleshman, Haile Stutzman, Cory Garlinghouse and Jadon Mansur placed second at 3:27.37. Willamette won the title at 3:25.81.

Discus: Silverton's Ben Willis was fifth at 152-07. West Albany's Aiden Paul won the title at 169-02.

Long jump: Silverton's Lee Metzger was seventh at 20-07.50. Churchill's Simon Dexter won the title at 21-09.00.

TEAM SCORES: Champion: North Bend 72.50. Third place: Silverton 57. Ninth place: Dallas 35. 22nd: Central 7. Class 2A roundup

Boys 300-meter hurdles: Kennedy's Carlos Saravia won the state title at 40.72.

Girls 4x100 relay: Enterprise won the state title at 50.82. Gervais (Dalia Kozina, Katie Hanson, Ashley Marin Vallejo, Mary Davidson) was fifth at 53.25. Kennedy (Caitlyn Perez, Emma Beyer, Clarissa Traeger, Hallie Sprauer)

was sixth at 52.76.

Boys 4x100 relay: Enterprise won the state title at 44.67. Santiam (Trevor Whitmire, Hunter Reeser, Brody Davidson, Trevor Tinney) was fifth at 45.44. Kennedy (Bryce Vandervort, Nick Riedman, Gianni Velazquez, Carlos Saravia) was seventh at 45.99.

Girls 1,500 meters: Neah-Kah-Nie's Jordan White won the state title at 5:00.01. Kennedy's Alejandra Lopez was sixth at 5:08.71. Kennedy's Cassie Traeger was 11th at 5:36.59.

Girls 100 meters: Enterprise's Shelby Moncrief won the state title at 12.75. Kennedy's Emma Beyer was seventh at 13.28.

Girls 100-meter hurdles: Monroe's Kyndal Martin won the state title at 15.18. Kennedy's Caitlyn Perez was fourth at 17.52.

Boys 110-meter hurdles: East Linn Christian's Christian Wilson won the state title at 15.52. Santiam's David McCormick was fifth at 16.53. Kennedy's Carlos Saravia was disqualified.

Girls 4x400 relay: Enterprise won the state title at 4:14.23. Kennedy (Caitlyn Perez, Cassie Traeger, Alejandra Lopez, Kylee Rodriguez) was eighth at 4:29.46.

Girls discus: Glide's Kaylee Hendron won the state title at 127-11. Ken-

edy's Lilly English was third at 108-00. Kennedy's Makayla Massey was ninth at 91-10.

Girls triple jump: Portland Christian's Kathryn Nyone won the state title at 35-09.25. Kennedy's Hallie Sprauer was second at 34-06.25. Kennedy's Sophia Rodriguez was fourth at 33-04.25. Gervais' Katie Hanson was ninth at 32-02.50.

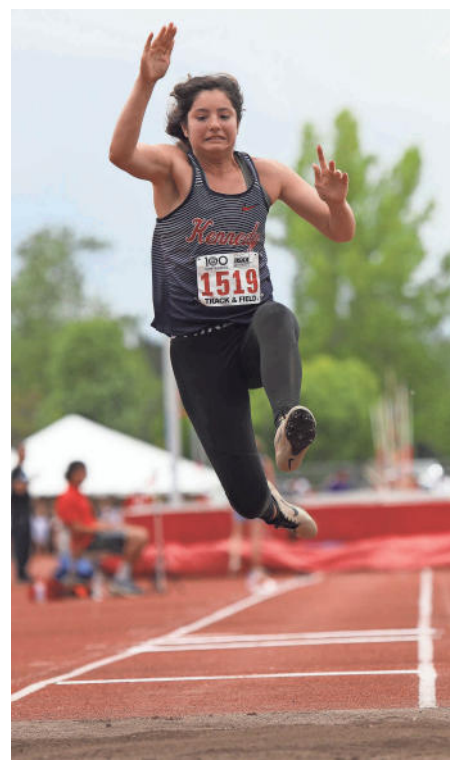
Boys discus: Glide's Dillon Towne won the state title at 158-00. Regis' Kirkland Scott was second at 137-00. Kennedy's Nick Suing was sixth at 124-06.

Girls shot put: Monroe's Laura Young won the state title at 36-10.50. Santiam's Liliana Lyness was sixth at 33-03.50. Kennedy's Makayla Massey was eighth at 31-11.25.

Girls team scores (top 5): 1. Enterprise 64.5, 2. Grant Union 64, 3. Monroe 62, 4. Kennedy 53.5, 5. Lakeview 52.

Boys team scores (top 5): 1. East Linn Christian 72, 2. Heppner 51, 3. Oakland 44, 4. Monroe 38, 5. Santiam 37.

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Kennedy's Sophia Rodriguez competes in the 2A girls triple jump during the OSAA 1A/2A State Track and Field Meet at Western Oregon University on Saturday, May 18. AMANDA LOMAN / FOR THE STATESMAN JOURNAL

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