

SPORTS BRIEFS

Giants star catcher Posey out this year over virus concerns

SAN FRANCISCO – Giants star catcher Buster Posey decided to opt out of the 2020 season Friday out of health concerns for his newly adopted twin baby girls during the coronavirus pandemic.

The babies were born about eight weeks prematurely last Friday and Posey and his wife, Kristen, finalized the adoption on Thursday. Ada and Livvi are healthy but will need to spend time in neonatal intensive care and will have weakened immune systems for the next few months.

“In the current state that we are right now and these babies being as fragile as they are for the next four months, at minimum, this ultimately wasn’t that difficult a decision for me,” Posey said. “From a baseball standpoint, it was a tough decision. From a family standpoint and feeling like I’m making a decision to protect our children, I think it was relatively easy.”

Posey is one of the most prominent players to opt out of the season as a six-time All-Star, the 2012 NL MVP and a three-time World Series champion with San Francisco.

He joined other notable players like Dodgers pitcher David Price, Washington first baseman Ryan Zimmerman, Colorado’s Ian Desmond, Arizona pitcher Mike Leake in deciding not to take part in the 60-game season that starts on July 23.

Central Athletic Association halts fall play

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association



The Giants’ Buster Posey carries his bag during Sunday’s baseball practice in San Francisco. Posey opted out of the 2020 season Friday. AP

tion, a conference comprised of historically black colleges, is suspending all fall sports out of concern over the COVID-19 pandemic.

A statement from the conference said several of its schools are located in states experiencing dramatic increases in new COVID-19 cases. It said the recent rise in cases has led to a pause in phased reopening plans in many of those states, resulting in uncertainty as to whether students will return to campus this fall at several CIAA institutions.

The conference said on Thursday it will explore the possibility of a modified schedule for football, volleyball and men’s and women’s cross country next spring. In addition, the CIAA said its members unanimously agreed to honor athletic scholarships for student-athletes participat-

ing in fall sports.

Bowie State, Fayetteville State, Shaw University, Virginia State and Winston-Salem State are among the 12 schools in the conference.

Jaguars announce plans for 25% capacity, masks in 2020

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Jacksonville Jaguars announced plans Friday to play home games in front of a significantly reduced capacity this fall.

Fans in attendance will be required to wear face coverings.

The team released details in an email to season-ticket holders, saying it expects about 25% capacity at TIAA Bank Field in 2020 “in compliance with state and local authorities and following CDC social distancing guidelines.”

“Once the season begins, any future increase in capacity will depend on developments on the health and safety front,” the Jaguars said.

The stadium’s capacity is listed at over 67,000. Baltimore was the first team to announced plans for reduced capacity, saying Wednesday it plans to allow fewer than 14,000 fans at home game at M&T Bank Stadium in

2020.

The Jaguars said season tickets will be credited and any payments scheduled for July canceled. Season ticket holders will have the opportunity to apply credited funds toward the purchase of tickets this season or in 2021. Full cash refunds will be made upon request.

Jimenez, 56, rolls back the years to lead Austrian Open

ATZENBRUGG, Austria – Miguel Angel Jimenez moved into position to break his own record as the oldest winner of a European Tour event when the 56-year-old Spaniard shot 7-under 65 to take the second-round lead in the Austrian Open on Friday.

Jimenez made nine birdies in his first 13 holes, bogeys at Nos. 16 and 17 with a birdie 2 at the last at the Diamond Country Club outside Vienna.

He was 11 under par overall, two shots clear of five players: Joost Luiten (70), Marc Warren (69), Craig Howie (69), Renato Paratore (67) and Nicolai von Dellingshausen (67).

Jimenez was 50 years, 133 days when he won the Open de España in 2014 to become the oldest win-

ner on the tour.

The Austrian Open is the first event back on the European Tour after a four-month break because of the coronavirus outbreak. All players, caddies and other personnel on site were tested for COVID-19 ahead of the tournament and are following public health guidelines, including social distancing.

Wimbledon to allocate prize money despite cancellation

WIMBLEDON, England – Wimbledon will pay out \$12.5 million in prize money to 620 players despite the tournament’s cancellation because of the coronavirus pandemic, the All England Club said Friday.

After consulting with its insurance provider, club officials said 256 players who would have competed in the main draw will each receive 25,000 pounds (\$31,000), while 224 players who would have competed in qualifying will each receive 12,500 pounds (\$15,600).

“Immediately following the cancellation of The Championships, we turned our attention to how we could assist those who help make Wimbledon happen,” All England

Club chief executive Richard Lewis said.

In addition, 120 players who would have competed in doubles will each receive 6,250 pounds (\$7,800); 16 players who would have competed in the wheelchair events will each receive 6,000 pounds (\$7,500); and four players who would have competed in the quad wheelchair events will each receive 5,000 pounds (\$6,200).

“We know these months of uncertainty have been very worrying for these players, including the players, many of whom have faced financial difficulty during this period and who would have quite rightly anticipated the opportunity to earn prize money at Wimbledon based on their world ranking,” Lewis said.

Manchester City to get Monday verdict in UEFA ban case

GENEVA – Manchester City will get the verdict on Monday in its appeal against a two-year ban from UEFA competitions.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport on Friday set the date to publish the ruling from its panel of three judges at 10:30 a.m. Swiss time (0830 GMT).

The urgent verdict from a hearing held on June 8-10 by video link will likely have few details of the panel’s reasons and evidence heard. A full written verdict typically takes months to prepare. The parties can agree to keep it confidential.

UEFA punished Man City in February for “serious breaches” of fines monitoring club finances and failing to cooperate with investigators.

The allegations included that City, owned by Abu Dhabi’s royal family, misled UEFA over several years to meet financial integrity rules – known as Financial Fair Play (FFP) – required to enter the Champions League.

The club denied wrongdoing, and said it has “irrefutable evidence” the claims are not true.

–Associated Press

Obituaries



Jacob Lawrence Timothy Haskett (Jake)

TERREBONNE – Jacob Lawrence Timothy Haskett (Jake), age 15 of Terrebonne, Oregon, died from injuries sustained from a fall in Jefferson County in June.

Jacob is survived by his father, Zane Haskett, mother, Reina Benton and seven siblings, Jason and James Scharback, Riley and Anna Merrill and Tyler, Lily and Willow Haskett. He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Shannon Haskett.

Jacob was born August 30th, 2004 to Zane Haskett and Reina Benton in Silverton, Oregon and spent the majority of his life in the Marion/Linn County area, recently relocating to Central Oregon.

Jacob enjoyed running, swimming, hiking, fishing and exploring. He also loved birds, drawing and constructing things. He preferred the outdoors and he was never far from his bike or adventure.

Services will be held at a later date.

Richard Curry

Richard “Ned” Curry, Ned was born 1937 in Charleston, WV. He married his wife Sally Ann “Mollet” Curry in Silverton, 1956. He has three children, Douglas Curry, Glenn Curry, and Cheryl Buck. He died in Las Vegas, NV, May 28th 2020. Ned was in Trucking most of his life. He and Sally moved to AZ in 2004 but have many close ties in this area. A memorial will be held in Sublimity on Sunday from 1 - 5 pm.

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could make it through a duck’s digestive system and still be viable?

Not great, Vincze found, but worryingly enough.

“Most of the viable eggs were pooped within an hour of being eaten,” Wilke writes. “While one of them took four hours to pass.”

This means that I really, really hope that the research assistant got a credit.

Anyway, the duck-poo research has implications that are positive.

Such as - aha! - that’s how the trout probably got into Lake Hellangone.

Because ducks, and geese are migratory, covering vast distances, it also implies some things that are extremely troubling, such as airily deliveries of invasive fish

eggs in previously pristine waters.

Tell you what. We’re talking carp in Hungary.

And only about 18 eggs out of 8,000 came out of the, ahem, tunnels alive.

What with everything else that’s going on right here, let’s just put this on a back burner until they show up here.

SUGGESTIBLE VEGETABLES:

Maybe it’s the soil, or the compost; or it could be something in the water.

Henry’s garden of earthy delights in south Salem has produced some interesting, well, produce over the past couple of years.

Exhibit A: The carrot that I pulled up a couple of days ago, one of the first of the season.

I texted a picture of it to a couple of friends with the punch line: Does this remind you of anyone?

The root vegetable in

question looks suggestively like a pair of legs in form-fitting orange tights.

One friend, David, said that it’s too bad the Oregon State Fair has been canceled this summer.

The carrot could have been a contender in the unique vegetables category, he said.

So it’s probably a good thing that I trimmed off a root hair before I took the picture.

It originally looked as if it was wearing a thong.

Exhibit B: a tomato that came out of the garden a couple of seasons ago.

I’ll leave it up to you to come up with a caption for that one.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If fishing is an art form, I’m on par with a preschooler using finger paints.

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