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AP Photo/Aijaz Rahi

A dog sits in the ground after interrupting play on the first day of second cricket test match between India and England in Visakhapatnam, India, today.

Stray dog stops play in cricket match today

Associated Press

VISAKHAPATNAM, India — A stray dog was 2 not out (a batsman who is in and has not yet been dismissed) today after interrupting the second cricket test match between India and England.

England bowler Stuart Broad's final over before the traditional break for tea was cut short as ground staff tried — and failed — to get the brown and white dog off the field. Outrun by their canine opponent, increasingly desperate tactics included throwing a shoe in its direction.

Just when officials thought the dog had disappeared, it returned for a second performance with the umpires cutting the session short and the players going off for tea.

The hosts ended in control of the match — if not the dog — at 317-4 in their first innings.

As well as forcing an early tea, the dog also left its mark on the field in another way, using the lush outfield as a toilet.

Texans urged to stay in room in Mexico

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Texans players are being advised by the team not to leave the hotel and not to order room service during their trip to Mexico City for Monday night's game against the Oakland Raiders.

The game is part of the NFL's international series and the first NFL game in Mexico City since 2005.

The Associated Press was given a look at a memo distributed to the team on Wednesday that included a page of information concerning the trip to Mexico, including those two rules.

A section of the memo under the heading "safety" had a bullet point with: "DO NOT leave the hotel." It was followed by a line advising players to leave all "expensive jewelry at home," not to bring large sums of money and not to use ATMs.

A second section titled "health and performance" has basic tips like drinking only bottled water and avoiding the consumption of ice.

It also warned: "Eat all meals in the meal room. DO NOT order room service" and "DO NOT eat outside of the team meal room."

The precautions the Texans have provided players are not uncommon for any foreigners traveling to Mexico. Executives visiting the city for business are often given the same warnings from their companies to avoid leaving their hotels without security.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Friday — Washington 2B: Naselle at Lummi Nation, 7 p.m.

Class 4A Semifinals

Saturday — Estacada vs. North Bend, 5:30 p.m., at Cottage Grove HS; Cascade vs. Cottage Grove, 5:30 p.m., at Hillsboro Stadium

Class 3A Semifinals

Saturday — Salem Academy vs. Blanchet Catholic, 11 a.m., at Cottage Grove HS; Harrisburg vs. Coquille/Pacific, 2:15 p.m., at Cottage Grove HS

Class 2A Semifinals

Saturday — Heppner vs. Regis, Noon, at Liberty HS; Kennedy vs. Stanfield, 5 p.m., at Liberty HS

Lamar forces turnovers to beat Beavers

By **KYLE ODEGARD**
 Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Colton Weisbrod's legs were cramping, and he felt sore and tired after a game in which he played all 40 minutes. But if that's what it takes.

Weisbrod had 16 points and 12 rebounds as Lamar forced 27 turnovers and held on to beat Oregon State 63-60 on Wednesday night.

"We're one of those teams, we're going to fight, we're going to battle. . . You want to be that team that when people talk about you, they say, 'They're scrappy, they go after you, they don't give up,'" said Weisbrod, a junior college transfer.

Marcus Owens added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Cardinals (2-0).

Lamar coach Tic Price said that his team has to rely on defensive pressure every game because of his undersized players.

"We believe in getting deflections and turnovers. . . What we were trying to do as much as possible was keep Oregon State from executing their offense," Price added.

The Cardinals shot only 28 percent, but had a



Anibal Ortiz/The Gazette-Times

Oregon State guard Ronnie Stacy (2) shoots a layup while defended by Lamar University forward Josh Nzeakor (11) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Corvallis on Wednesday. Lamar won 63-60.

whopping 71 attempts.

Drew Eubanks had 17 points, a career-high 18 rebounds and six blocks for the Beavers (2-1). Jaquori McLaughlin added 15 points.

"They just were tougher than us mentally, physically. Our guys didn't respond.

A look at some of the Pac-12's unsung heroes

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
 AP Sports Writer

EUGENE — Every team has one of them: A player who hasn't gotten much attention from outside the program but has made a significant impact on his teammates.

It might be a scout-team regular, or even a walk-on. It might be someone who just grinded it out every day and never complained.

At Oregon, that guy is senior running back Jarret LaCoste.

LaCoste was a walk-on at Oregon two years ago when the Ducks went to the first College Football Playoff championship game. He's since become a key contributor on the scout team — last week he was tasked with simulating Stanford's Christian McCaffrey.

Ask his teammates and they'll all say he's a beast in the weight room, helping younger players to keep up their offseason lifting regimens.

LaCoste, who played this season against Washington and gained 55 yards on 10 carries, has already graduated and he's about to embark on a job with a Portland accounting firm. He was never on scholarship during his career with the Ducks — but he jokes he's gotten some stylish Nike team gear.

"Honestly, I never would have dreamed I was going to play Division I football, ever," he said. "So my expectations just from the start were low, I was like, 'Wow, I'm just so honored to be on this team, I can't believe they let me on. This is awesome.' But then I thought, 'I feel very privileged and honored to be on this team, so I better give them everything I can and never let anyone down.'"

Arizona

Arizona tight end Josh Kern was originally recruited by then-coach Mike Stoops as a quarterback but switched positions after a redshirt year. He's had only had a dozen touches.

But Kern has been the heart of the Wildcats. He gave the eulogy for senior outside linebacker Zach Hemmilla, who died in his sleep in August. Kern also spoke at the funeral of fan Andrew Valdez, a local teen who lost his battle with cystic fibrosis last year.

"I've never had to worry about him doing the right thing," coach Rich Rodriguez said. "He's a leader



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

UCLA quarterback Mike Fafaul passes during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Oregon State in Pasadena, Calif., Saturday. Fafaul was a walk-on who became a starter.



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Arizona tight end Josh Kern (17) warms up before an NCAA college football game in Boulder, Colo., in October.

in the community. He's our top service guy. I don't know if you can be a better role model for all of our players than Josh Kern."

His teammates echoed the sentiment.

"People don't see the stuff that goes on inside of here, but like when we come home from a game and get off the bus, Josh is like, 'Hey, you need you ride?'" running back Samajie Grant said. "Josh, even though he hasn't been playing like he wants to, is still bringing it every single day."

Colorado

At Colorado, quarterback Sefo Liufau pointed to junior cornerback Andrew Bergner, who joined the Buffaloes last season as a walk-on and provides the offense



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

Oregon State safety Devin Chappell during an NCAA college football game in Corvallis on Saturday.

He learned he'd make his first career start during warmups before the Bruins' game at Washington State on Oct. 15. In a 52-45 loss to Utah back the following week, Fafaul set school records for completions and pass attempts (40-for-70) while amassing 464 yards passing with five touchdowns.

He got his first career win — and the game ball — last week when the Bruins defeated Oregon State 38-24.

"He's everything that you want in a quarterback in terms of studying the game and it being serious to him," coach Jim Mora said.

Oregon State

Sometimes an unsung hero can be a senior who has just worked unselfishly throughout his career. At Oregon State that's safety Devin Chappell, who has had to shift positions because of injuries that have struck the Beavers' defense. Chappell, a walk-on transfer from nearby Western Oregon, started eight games last season, and this spring his teammates named him one of the captains.

"Devin is one of those guys. He's a self-made guy," coach Gary Andersen said. "He walked on, got a scholarship — which was so important to him. He's a good player in this league and he's proven. He's a team captain and a great leader. He would definitely be labeled a grinder."

Stanford guard Johnny Caspers, a fifth-year senior, is much like that, too, Cardinal Coach David Shaw said.

Seahawks putting hopes of run game on Prorise, Rawls

By **TIM BOOTH**
 AP Sports Writer

RENTON, Wash. — Thomas Rawls is back practicing with Seattle for the first time since Week 2. C.J. Prorise showed last week that he could be a solution for the Seahawks' underachieving run game.

And Christine Michael has once again been discarded by the Seahawks.

There are definitive changes that Seattle has made in an attempt to spark the 30th-ranked running offense in the NFL, centered on the belief that the combo of Rawls and Prorise can be the answer.

"We're going with guys that we want to go with," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "We're excited about where we're moving and think it's going to fit together really well. You'll find out. You'll have a chance to see what you think here in a couple weeks."

The makeover of Seattle's run game took a drastic turn in the past few days. First was Prorise becoming the primary ball carrier in last Sunday's 31-24 victory over New England, relegating Michael to a supporting role. Prorise had 17 car-



AP Photo/Charles Krupa

New England Patriots defensive lineman Kroy Flowers chases Seattle Seahawks running back C.J. Prorise during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

ries for 66 yards, while Michael was on the field for only 11 plays and touched the ball just six times. Seattle finished with 96 yards rushing as a team, which is still a meager total compared to what the Seahawks have done in the past, but was their highest since Week 3.

It was clear that a shift was happening and

Michael's time as the primary running back was ending, despite rushing for 469 yards and six touchdowns. But the move to waive Michael and replace him on the roster with undrafted rookie Troymaine Pope was a clear indication of what Seattle wants the hierarchy to be going forward.

"C.J. did a really good job. He's doing the things we like seeing in him. We look forward to continue growing with him. That's one," Carroll said. "Thomas coming back, that's two, and we're all really excited about that. We've been waiting for that to happen."

A year ago, Rawls was a breakout star, rushing for 830 yards and four touchdowns in seven starts while filling in for injured starter Marshawn Lynch. Rawls was on pace for a 1,000-yard season, despite getting limited carries early, before suffering a broken ankle in December against Baltimore.

Assuming he makes it through practice without setbacks, Rawls isn't likely to be thrown back into carrying a huge load against Philadelphia. Before getting hurt in the first half of the Week 2 loss at Los Angeles, Rawls had just 19 carries for 25 yards and no run of longer than eight yards.