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IN BRIEFJohnson seizes  
record-tying  
championship

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson had the commemorative helmet and a photographer chronicling his every move. He had even planned to run a symbolic seven miles the night before his shot at a seventh championship.

He's adamant he didn't know something special was coming.

Johnson was the worst of the championship contenders in a winner-take-all season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He needed only to beat three other drivers to tie Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt as drivers with seven titles, but he was clearly not in the same league as the other finalists Sunday night.

Johnson didn't panic, keeping the same calmness he's had for 10 weeks of this historic march. So relaxed before this event, he canceled his "short run" and instead spent the night eating pasta.

And as he chased Carl Edwards, reigning champion Kyle Busch and Joey Logano, it sure seemed like there was not shot at No. 7.

"I'm sure the world felt like anybody but Jimmie Johnson was going to win the championship with 20 to go, and then it changed so quick," Johnson said.

Johnson was practically gifted his seventh title when Edwards' aggressive attempt to win the championship ended in a wreck. Johnson got the restart of his life in overtime, took the lead on the very last lap of the race, won for the first time in his career at Homestead and grabbed the final Sprint Cup trophy.

Group, KC Chiefs  
work on team  
traditions

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs are collaborating with the American Indian Community Working Group to address concerns that some of their traditions are considered insensitive to Native Americans.

The organizations first got in touch about three years ago, when there was a renewed national push for the Washington Redskins to change their nickname. Recently, the Chiefs and the group, which works as a liaison with the Native American community, began to work more closely together.

Several events were planned before the Chiefs' game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday in observance of American Indian Heritage Month.

Creg Hart, a Cheyenne spiritual leader, performed the Blessing of the Four Directions, and Cheyenne ceremonial leader George Curtis Levi performed a blessing ceremony and honor song.

The Buddy Bond Color Guard of the Cheyenne-Arapahoe Tribes presented the colors for the national anthem, which was performed by the Chickasaw Nation Youth Choir.

The Chiefs' nickname was chosen through a fan contest when the team relocated from Dallas. While many fans chose it based on its Native American connection, it was also chosen in homage to then-Kansas City Mayor H. Roe Bartle — whose own nickname was "The Chief."

The team has phased out many pregame events that have included Native American iconography over the years. A ceremonial war drum is still beaten by a fan prior to kickoff and fans continue to wave their arms in the "tomahawk chop."

## SCOREBOARD

## FOOTBALL

## Class 4A Semifinals

North Bend 49, Estacada 26  
Cottage Grove 48, Cascade 20

## Class 3A Semifinals

Salem Academy 33, Blanchet Catholic 26

Harrisburg 28, Coquille/Pacific 22

## Class 2A Semifinals

Regis 27, Heppner 6

Stanfield 32, Kennedy 13

## Blackhawks fly past Comets

The Daily Astorian

LUMMI RESERVATION, Wash. — The No. 1-ranked Lummi Blackhawks overcame four turnovers in the first half to score a 56-16 win over Naselle Friday, in a Class 1B football state quarterfinal at Lummi Nation.

Naselle finishes 7-4 overall, while Lummi

advances to face Neah Bay in the Class 1A semifinals, Saturday at Everett Memorial Stadium.

Jacob Scrabeck rushed for 168 yards on 21 carries for the Comets, all in the first half.

The Comets still trailed 34-0 early in the second quarter, and Lummi took a 42-0 lead into halftime.

Naselle's Kyle Wirkkala recovered two fumbles in the first half, while teammate Cameron Burch

forced a pair of fumbles and had two quarterback sacks.

Comet senior Brian Smith also had a fumble recovery, and caught five passes for 89 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown pass from Cole Dorman late in the fourth quarter.

Donny Edwards had a 16-yard touchdown reception for Naselle's other touchdown.



AP Photos/John Froschauer

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz fumbles as he is hit by Seattle Seahawks defensive end Cliff Avril in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday in Seattle. The ball was recovered by the Eagles.

Eagles get wakeup  
in loss to Seahawks

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Richard Sherman saw the poise from Carson Wentz on film. He saw the correct decisions being made by the rookie and the success Philadelphia was having thanks to Wentz.

Sherman also knew Wentz had yet to see a defense like Seattle's.

"He was pretty poised. He wasn't shook, he's a rook. That's what he is. He's been kind of getting an easy walk through this league," Sherman said. "And then he ran into some people that we've been there before. We've seen your looks, we know your plays. He's going to learn from it and he's going to work hard and come back."

Wentz and the rest of the Eagles received an education in what it takes to reach the top of the NFC on Sunday, thanks to Seattle's 26-15 victory on Sunday. It was the fifth straight



Wide receiver Tyler Lockett steps out of bounds near the goal line against the Eagles to set up a Seahawks field goal.

road loss and showed the thin line the Eagles are still walking between being competitive and, for the most part, being dominated.

While Wentz showed flashes of greatness against Seattle's standout secondary, he also was 5 of 14 for 25 yards and two interceptions during a stretch of the second and third quar-

ters as Philadelphia watched its 7-6 lead turn into a 23-7 deficit.

On a day Philadelphia needed to be close to perfect to hang with the class of the NFC West, the Eagles made too many careless mistakes.

"I think it's a benchmark for us. You look at certain games on your schedule and obviously this is one," Philadelphia coach Doug Pederson said. "They are a team that is playing extremely well. We were coming off of a good win a week ago. These are benchmark games."

No mistake stood out more than wide receiver Nelson Agholor not lining up correctly on a second quarter play that became a 57-yard touchdown pass to Zach Ertz. Agholor was not close enough to the line of scrimmage and did not check with the official nearest to him, who was signaling for Agholor to move forward. Instead of a touchdown that would have given Philadelphia a 14-13 lead, the Eagles didn't find the end zone again until late in the fourth quarter.

Oregon upsets No. 11  
Utah on late TD catch

By KAREEM COPELAND

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Justin Herbert hit Darren Carrington for a 17-yard touchdown pass with two seconds remaining to give Oregon a 30-28 upset victory over No. 11 Utah on Saturday, putting the Utes' hopes of a Pac-12 championship in jeopardy.

Herbert led the Ducks, who have struggled all season and suffered several lopsided losses, on a 10-play, 75-yard drive in just over two minutes, capping it with the TD pass to Carrington. Carrington was initially called out of bounds but that call was reversed after a replay showed he got a foot down in bounds.

Herbert finished the game with 324 yards passing and three TDs. He also scored on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The Utes had taken a 28-24 lead with 2:18 remaining off a Troy Williams 30-yard touchdown pass but the Ducks then began their comeback drive.

Royce Freeman led the Ducks ground game with 129 yards. He also scored on a one-yard pass from Herbert early in the fourth.

Joe Williams rushed for 149 yards and a touchdown for Utah. The normally stout Utes defense gave up 575 yards of offense to Oregon.

Utah led 7-3 at halftime as both teams had several miscues in important moments.

The Ducks drove inside the Utah 40-yard line on all five first-half possessions, but came away with just three points. They failed to convert on fourth down on their first possession of the game and missed a 41-yard field late in the second quarter.

Beavers beat Wildcats  
with five TD passes

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

CORVALLIS — Marcus McMaryion kept it simple and he wound up with five touchdowns.

McMaryion threw for 265 yards and a career-high five scores on Saturday night when Oregon State snapped a five-game losing streak with a 42-17 victory over Arizona. It was the most touchdown passes for a Beaver since 2013.

"Guys were just making plays, bottom line," McMaryion said. "The play calls were there, real simple. I was trying not to over-complex things, just stick to my reads and not think too much. It definitely played dividends."

Ryan Nall ran for 124 yards and another score while Jordan Villamin caught six passes for 124 yards in just the second conference win for

the Beavers (3-8, 2-6-Pac-12).

It was the eighth straight loss for the Wildcats (2-9, 0-8), who have been overwhelmed by injuries this season. Anu Solomon made his first start at quarterback since the opener but was injured in the first quarter and replaced by Brandon Dawkins, who threw for 106 yards and a touchdown while running for 88 yards on 15 carries.

"I feel bad for our school. I feel bad for our fans. I feel bad for our program," Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez said. "We shouldn't get out of this point. I guarantee we'll get out of it. I don't want to say that we're going to be better because of it, because it's miserable."

Oregon State took the early lead on McMaryion's 53-yard pass to Villamin. The Beavers extended the lead with McMaryion's 11-yard pass to Nall.