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## Physicals, fall sports meetings on tap Thursday

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Physicals, impact testing, and heart screenings for athletes will be available Thursday at Astoria High School.

Columbia Memorial Hospital has partnered with the school's athletic department to offer sports physicals for any student-athlete at a discounted price of \$25.

Physicians from Columbia Memorial Hospital will be at the AHS main office from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. (walk-in appointments only).

Any student participating in Astoria Youth Football, Astoria Middle School athletics, or any Oregon School Activities Association high school athletic activity must have a physical completed every two years. Providence Hospital is also partnering with the Astoria High Athletic Department to offer heart screenings for any student age 13 or older during the same times on Thursday.

All middle school student-athletes, ninth and 11th grade high school student-athletes, and/or any middle school or high school age student-athlete who was diagnosed with a concussion during the 2016-17 school year are encouraged to undergo impact testing.

Impact tests are computer-generated tests to help give student-athletes a baseline test score to help evaluate a possible concussion, should a head injury occur during the season.

The testing is available to all students in Clatsop County. All students must have a parent present in order to receive a physical.

For more information, contact AHS Athletic Director Howard Rub at hrub@astoria.k12.or.us.

### Fall sports meetings

Fall sports meetings for student-athletes at Astoria High School take place Thursday in the school auditorium.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., in order for parents to register their child and complete the paperwork process.

The Athletic Department program will begin at 7 p.m. for all fall sports teams. At 7:45 p.m., head coaches for boys and girls soccer, football, volleyball and cross country will conduct meetings.

Parents of all fall sports student-athletes are encouraged to attend the 7 p.m. meeting in order to receive fall calendars and review school policies, as well as to make certain their child is properly registered to begin official practices the week of Aug. 14.

## MLS starts video replay Saturday

*Associated Press*

Today, Major League Soccer. Tomorrow, the world.

Despite purists who believe the beautiful game should never be sullied by video replay, it has arrived and isn't going anywhere. Major League Soccer will start using it for every match, even the postseason, starting Saturday.

The Video Assistant Referee, VAR for short, was showcased on an international level during this summer's Confederations Cup in Russia and the Under-20 World Cup in South Korea, with mixed results.

But MLS has been preparing for this moment for three years, determined to get it right.

"The idea is minimum interference for maximum benefit," said veteran referee Howard Webb, who is overseeing the league's implementation of video replay. "We're not trying to change the way the game is played. We're trying to enhance it."



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

**Kansas City Royals' Brandon Moss hits a two-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners Thursday in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals' 6-4 win over the Mariners was their 32nd comeback victory of the season.**

## Royals rally twice to beat Mariners 6-4

*Associated Press*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brandon Moss did not want to see the numbers next to his name, so he refused to peek.

Moss hit two home runs and Lorenzo Cain drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning as the Kansas City Royals beat the Seattle Mariners 6-4 on Thursday night.

The Royals rallied from deficits of 2-0 and 3-2 for their 32nd comeback victory. They snapped a three-game losing streak.

Moss homered in the fifth off Yovani Gallardo after Mike Moustakas had walked. That snapped a four-game homer-less skid for the Royals, which matched their longest drought of the season.

Moss also homered in eighth off Emilo Pagan for his 11th career multi-homer game. He is hitting .210 with 14 home runs and 28 RBIs.

"A few weeks ago, I stopped looking up at the scoreboard every single time I went up there and worrying about what the numbers looked like," Moss said. "They are what they are. It's not the end of the season, so you can turn them around, but you're not going to turn them around stressing about them."

Moss is hitting .356 with four doubles, five home runs and 12 RBIs in his past 12 home games.

"I love hitting at this ballpark and the numbers back that up," Moss said.

Pagan (0-2) took the loss, giving up two

### UP NEXT: MARINERS

- Seattle Mariners (55-55) at Kansas City Royals (56-51)
- Saturday, 4:15 p.m. TV: RTNW

runs, one unearned, in the seventh. Alcides Escobar led off the inning with a single and Alex Gordon moved him to second with a sacrifice bunt.

Whit Merrifield reached on a fielding error by first baseman Danny Valencia. Cain punched a single to right to score Escobar and Cabrera singled home Merrifield.

Ryan Buchter (1-0), the fourth of six Kansas City pitchers, threw one pitch to retire Kyle Seager to end the seventh and picked up the victory.

Kelvin Herrera worked the ninth to log his 24th save in 27 chances. He yielded a run on Robinson Cano's two-out single.

Seager and Valencia hit solo home runs for the Mariners. Guillermo Heredia's sixth-inning single scored Valencia, who led off the inning with a double.

"We really needed that big two-out hit earlier in the game to get you over the hump and stretch out the lead a little bit," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "We didn't get that. We felt the momentum was still on our side, but look up at the scoreboard and it was still 2-0 and they could tie it with one swing of the bat."



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

**Seattle Mariners' Danny Valencia hits a solo home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Thursday in Kansas City, Mo.**

Trevor Cahill, who the Royals picked up in a July 24 deal with the San Diego Padres, allowed two runs and six hits over 4 2/3 innings in a no-decision.

"I actually felt a lot more comfortable than I thought," Cahill said of his first Kauffman Stadium start as a Royal. "I've been pitching for a long time. I felt pretty normal. It seemed like a pretty exciting atmosphere, so it was all fun."

## Seahawks' Clark ejected after punching Ifedi; McDowell reports

By **CURTIS CRABTREE**  
*Associated Press*

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks defensive end Frank Clark was tossed from practice Thursday after punching teammate Germain Ifedi in the face during a heated skirmish between offensive and defensive linemen.

Defensive tackle Malik McDowell also reported to the team after missing the first three practices of training camp after injuring himself in an ATV accident.

Clark was sent off for the final half hour of practice after his punch dropped Ifedi to the ground. Ifedi also left practice as he was being attended to by trainers after the incident.

"Disappointed we had a couple guys get after it today," coach Pete Carroll said. "There's no room for fighting in football. It is not part of this game. It's not supposed to be part of this game, and we frown upon that very heavily. Real disappointed that that happened today. We have to learn and get better and be right."

The Clark punch was secondary to an initial melee involving defensive tackle Rodney Coe and center Will Pericak.

During one-on-one pass rushing drills, Coe and Pericak matched up against each other. Coe lost his balance and Pericak continued to block him through the group of offensive linemen watching from behind. Coe took offense and hip tossed Pericak into a water dispenser set up behind



Ken Lambert/The Seattle Times

**Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett, right, takes off his pads after a practice which included fights, during NFL football training camp Thursday in Renton, Wash.**

the drill.

The two sides then collectively began to push, shove and scream at each other. After the skirmish subsided, Clark hit Ifedi, who had removed his helmet.

"You can't do it in the game; you get ejected, which is just what you saw happen," Carroll said. "Somebody can get hurt, which you saw happen. We've taken a big stance against it and really disappointed it happened on day four (of camp)."

Carroll initially said afterward that he didn't have an update on Ifedi's

status before adding "he's all right."

McDowell's return to the team didn't provide much additional clarity on when, or if, he'll be able to play for Seattle this season.

The team has been mum on details regarding McDowell's injuries since the incident became public Sunday.

"He's doing all kinds of appointments and stuff to make sure that we know exactly what's going on," Carroll said. "They did a lot of stuff yesterday. I really don't have much to report for you but it's going to take a while to figure it out."

## Record-breaking Neymar says money not motive for move

By **ROB HARRIS**  
*Associated Press*

PARIS — Neymar insisted that money was not a motivation in deciding to join Paris Saint-Germain and said Friday that he would not be burdened by \$262-million price tag.

The Brazilian star flew in from Barcelona on a private jet for his official presentation, arriving in a city whose soccer fortunes he is expected to transform.

At a packed Paris news conference, Neymar found it "really sad" to be asked whether the riches on offer were the reason for his decision to swap one of soccer's most illustrious teams — Barcelona has won every major honor multiple times — for a club yet to win the biggest competitions outside of France.

"I was never motivated by money," Neymar said at the PSG stadium. "What I think about is happiness. If I was following the money I would maybe be in some other country."

The move more than doubled the previous transfer record.

"The fact I am the most expensive player is not a burden. I am 69 kilograms (152 pounds)," Neymar said through a translator.