

# SPORTS

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Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
**Autographed photos are always a part of the Jordan Poyer football camp.**

## Poyer football camp set for July 14

The Daily Astorian

After a one-year absence, the Jordan Poyer Football Camp is returning to Astoria for a one-day event, July 14 at CMH Field.

Poyer will be running his camp for the first time since joining the Buffalo Bills, after three seasons as a member of the Cleveland Browns.

Pre-registration has been extended to June 22, in order that

participants receive a properly sized T-shirt.

Poyer, a Class of 2009 Astoria High graduate and former All-American at Oregon State, will conduct the camp along with current coaches and players of the Astoria High football team.

The camp (9 a.m. to noon) is for any child entering kindergarten through the eighth grade in the fall of 2018.

Cost is \$35. Instruction will

include — but not be limited to — individual techniques of all offensive, defensive and special team positions, recommended nutrition, off-season and in-season training, and the importance of goal-setting and team building.

Pre-registration is preferred. Authorization forms can be found on the Astoria High School website.

If pre-registration is not possible, campers may register the

day of the camp from 8-8:45 a.m. Campers should wear cloth shorts and a T-shirt, and preferably a rubber-molded pair of shoes (metal cleats are not allowed).

For more information, contact Astoria coach Howard Rub at 503-325-3911, ext. 317 (work) or hrub@astoria.k12.or.us.

All participants will receive a T-shirt, a meal courtesy of Astoria Youth Athletics, and an autographed photo of Poyer.

## Griffin trying to fill Sherman's shoes with Seahawks

By CURTIS CRABTREE  
 Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — For the past six seasons, the Seattle Seahawks never had to worry about the player lining up on the left side of their secondary.

Richard Sherman locked down the left cornerback spot in Seattle's defensive backfield from the moment he took over as a starter in the middle of the 2011 season until he went down with a torn Achilles last November.

He made the Pro Bowl four times and was a first-team All-Pro on three occasions over his last six seasons with the Seahawks.

But with Sherman now in San Francisco, the Seahawks are asking Shaquill Griffin to move across to the left side as the team's top cornerback. It's a lot of responsibility for a second-year player.

"It's a little different step for me, but nothing that I can't focus on," Griffin said. "But I'm loving the left side and I'm honored to be on that side now. I'm here to help my team any way I can."

When Sherman was injured last season, Griffin remained on the right side of the defense with Jeremy Lane and Byron Maxwell taking over for Sherman on the left side.

With an offseason to adjust, the Seahawks decided to move Griffin to the left side and allow Maxwell to return to the right side where he started 17 games for Seattle over two seasons in 2013 and 2014.

"We think Maxie has done a really nice job on the other side, and we thought if we're going to balance it out and open it up (for competition), let's open it up on the right side and see what happens," coach Pete Carroll said.

Griffin was a third-round pick of the Seahawks last season and managed to work his way into the starting lineup after the first month of the season. He started 11 games and had 59 tackles with an interception and a sack in his rookie season.

The team has since added Shaquill's brother, Shaquem, to the linebacking group, selecting him in the fifth round of this year's draft.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Johnson shares lead in US Open

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — The U.S. Open lived up to its reputation in the return to Shinnecock Hills.

So did Dustin Johnson.

Fresh off a six-shot victory last week, Johnson managed all aspects of his game Thursday on a classic U.S. Open course that required nothing less. He wasn't perfect, but he was under par — barely — and shared the lead at 1-under 69 in an opening round of strong wind, high anxiety and scores that made this feel like a U.S. Open again.

"You had to focus on every single shot you hit — putts, everything. It was just difficult all day," Johnson said. "Every day out here is going to be difficult."

### Former NFL player Winslow arrested on rape charges

ENCINITAS, Calif. — Former NFL tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. has been arrested on charges of rape and other sex crimes on the day he was to appear in court on an unrelated burglary charge.

The San Diego Union-Tribune reports sheriff's deputies arrested Winslow on Thursday at his home in the San Diego suburb of Encinitas.

The 34-year-old Winslow was charged with two counts of rape, two counts of kidnapping with intent to commit rape and single counts of forcible sodomy, oral copulation and indecent exposure. He's free after posting \$50,000 bail.

— Associated Press

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By ERIC OLSON  
 Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich is the probable starter in the opening game of the College World Series on Saturday and he said he is ready for any kind of reception he receives from the fans on the sport's biggest stage.

Heimlich, 22, is in Omaha a year after it was disclosed he had pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a young relative when he was 15. He has denied wrongdoing in recent interviews with Sports Illustrated and The New York Times, saying he entered the guilty plea to spare his family the ordeal of a trial.

Heimlich received a standing ovation when the left-handed ace walked off the mound at his home ballpark for the last time last week. But he will be on college baseball's biggest stage — 1,700 miles from Corvallis, Oregon — when the Beavers face North Carolina at TD Ameritrade Park.

"I'm not worried about the fans. I play baseball on the field," Heimlich said in the Oregon State clubhouse Friday. "The fans can cheer me on. They can boo. They can do what they want. I'm here to play baseball."

Heimlich has played a major role in the Beavers making it to the CWS for the second year in a row. He leads the nation in wins with a school-record 16-1 record and 151 strikeouts in 120 1/3 innings. He was named Pac-12 pitcher of the year for the second straight season.

Last year, after The Oregonian newspaper first reported Heimlich's juvenile record, Heimlich opted to sit out the super regional and did not make the trip to Omaha.

"It wasn't fun," Heimlich



AP Photo/Nati Harnik  
**Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich sits in the dugout before practice at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Neb.**

### UP NEXT: BEAVERS

- Oregon State Beavers vs North Carolina Tar Heels
- Saturday, noon TV: ESPN

said. "I watched some of it from home. One of the games I went on a hike, the other I was on a beach somewhere. I definitely was following (it)."

Brenda Tracy, a rape survivor and activist who speaks to college sports teams around the country, said Heimlich should not have been allowed to rejoin the team this season. The Heimlich story hits close to home for her. Tracy alleged she was gang raped by four men, including three Oregon State football players, when she was a student at OSU in 1998.

"It's long past time for universities and athletic departments to ban violent athletes," she said. "There are consequences for your behavior, and playing sports is a privilege."

Tracy said the NCAA should

adopt the rule passed this month by the Big Sky Conference that prevents individuals with a history of convicted violence to receive athletic-related financial aid or participate in practice or competition. The misconduct includes any act of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and assault with a deadly weapon.

Heimlich, a senior from Puyallup, Washington, initially was charged with two counts of molestation. He ultimately pleaded guilty to one count of molestation between February 2011 and December 2011, a period during which he was 15. Prosecutors dismissed the other charge.

He entered a diversion program, received two years of probation and was ordered to attend sex offender treatment

for two years, according to court records. He was ordered to serve 40 weeks of detention at a juvenile facility, but that sentence was suspended and he served no time because he successfully completed probation.

Heimlich deflected questions touching on his history with a stock answer: "I'm focused on continuing to help my team win games."

His future after the CWS is to be determined. Widely considered a first-round talent, he went undrafted two straight years. He still could sign with a major league club as an undrafted free agent, play in an independent league or overseas.

"I had no expectations going into the draft," he said. "I have a great group of guys around me and we're excited to continue playing baseball."

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