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Washington picked by media to win Pac-12 football crown

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LOS ANGELES — Washington is the overwhelming favorite to win the Pac-12 in the annual preseason poll of media members.

The Huskies and Southern California were picked to win their respective league divisions in the poll released Wednesday before Pac-12 media day in Hollywood.

Washington received 37 of 43 votes as the media's choice to win the Pac-12 for the second time in three years. Two seasons after their run to the College Football Playoff, the Huskies are led again by veteran quarterback Jake Browning and running back Myles Gaskin.

Stanford was picked second behind Washington in the Pac-12 North, followed by Oregon.

Defending league champion USC edged Utah as the Pac-12 South favorite. Arizona was picked third.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Golf — Oregon Coast Invitational, at Astoria Golf & Country Club, all day

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Oregon Coast Invitational
at Astoria Golf & Country Club
Tuesday's results
Women's

Championship flight: Gigi Stoll def. Robin Wood; Molly Edmunds def. Ali Battaglia; Cappy Mack def. Linette Weislogel; Alex McMenamin def. Joey Ringwald; Lara Tennant def. Marcella Betts; Amanda Jacobs def. Kat Magner; Gretchen Johnson def. Dawn McIntosh; Brooke Hamilton def. Kate Sturgell.

Women's Seniors

Championship flight: Terry Mattson def. Leanne Dehn; Wanda Osgood def. Mary Jacobs; Leslie Bickmore def. Mary Swingle; Marie Gann def. Kathy Hubbard; Dotty Johnson def. Jody Orrell; Kristin Finnegan def. Beth Clark; Betsy Furrer def. Debbi Adams; Vicki Okazaki def. Susan Bartholomew.

Second flight: Karen Hoffman, bye; Barb Sloan def. Mary Wohler; LaVona Goforth def. Kandi Walters; Luanne Fordney def. Debby Gerrish; Mary Stein def. Kathleen Cooney; Jan Whitty def. Kim Kress; Kathleen Casey def. Ann Johnson; Zeta Rennie def. Deborah Lacey-Baker.

Seniors

Championship flight: Scott Melrose def. John McGowan; Robert Tennant def. Mike Ivory; Tom Mulflur def. George Osgood; Rob Turk def. Wayne McDonnell; Patrick Regan def. Mark Dunbar; Bruce Hart def. John Mayer; Bob Knutsen def. Bryn Torkelson; Doug Wiese def. Bill Hurst.

Second flight: Greg Hope def. Robert Smith; Mark Gutzler def. Jim Whittemore; Rick Campbell def. Dan Whealdon; Harold Buell def. Chris Peterson; Skip Nau def. Rick Nelson; Bill Bristol def. Walter Yeaw; Paul Robben def. Andy Gauntz; Bret Stevens def. Fred Hamel.

Fourth flight: John Shepherd def. Evans Van Buren; Brent Seppa def. Randy Zmrhal; George Vance def. Michael McNamara; John Lamont def. Bart Bartholomew; Mark Branlund def. Richard Yugler; John Holmes def. Jesse French; John Holt def. Steve Hart; Larry Perkins def. Mike O'Brien.

Sixth flight: Robert Sznewajs, bye; Bill Stevens def. Jim Carder; Alex Reverman, bye; John Lansing def. Chester Trabucco; Rick Fordney, bye; Jack Kron def. Steve Scruggs; Royal Latham, bye; Ed Kropp def. Jerry McCoy.

Super Seniors

Championship flight: Michael Healy def. Lang Bates; George Mack, Sr. def. Marshall Gleason; John Lewis def. Jeffrey Dehn; Gaylord Davis def. David Vistica; Bill Scharwatt def. Larry Wobbrock; Gordon Harris def. Mike Kuratli; Jack Cartwright def. Jon Palmberg; Jeff Leinassar def. Roger Stalick.

Second flight: Jarrett Jones def. Mike Capri; Lou Libby def. Clifford Fick; Ray Grubbs def. Kevin Kelly; Tom Isenhour def. Stanley Gott; Hugh Stelson def. Scott Peterson; Jerry Romano def. Anthony Rennie; Sam Kress def. John Dunkin; Phillip Patton def. Steve Ariens.

Fourth flight: Craig Honeyman def. William Drevescraft; Craig Johnson def. John Young; Jeff Wohler def. Al Onkka; Thomas Carter def. Jack Nantz; Larry Veltman def. John Holmes; Dale Lumpkin def. Wayne Spencer; Michael Millette def. Patrick Oser; Vic Horgan def. Russell Betts.

Sixth flight: Jerry Briggs def. Tony Pasion; Tom Hageman def. Joe Uzelac; Michael Whitty, Sr. def. Roger Schultz; Jim Hauck def. Ron Martell; Tom Stearns def. Robert Mesher; Jim Franklin def. Miles Sweeney; Ron Marenda def. Michael Clark; Jon Woodson def. Stan Rotenberg.

Eighth flight: Dan Van Dusen def. John Tennant, Jr.; Marty Sells def. John McLoughlin; Larry Grant def. Rick Williams; Mike Furrer def. Peter Goforth; John Harlow def. Herb Sundby; Ron Leland def. Chuck Martin; Chuck Carnese def. Terry Graff; Chris Robinson def. Albert Carder.

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Gigi Stoll narrowly misses a putt on the sixth hole in Tuesday's match play at the Astoria Country Club.

Stoll scores first Oregon Coast Invitational win

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Golfers in the women's division opened match play Tuesday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, where the action is beginning to heat up in the 108th annual Oregon Coast Invitational.

And speaking of a hot summer, collegiate golfer Gigi Stoll continued her offseason with a first-round win in the women's championship flight.

Two days after winning medalist honors in qualifying, Stoll scored a victory over Robin Wood in Tuesday's match play.

A junior golfer at the University of Arizona, by way of Beaverton High School, Stoll is coming off a win in the 117th Pacific Northwest women's amateur championship earlier this month, held at the Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman, Washington.

A native of Tigard and a member of the Portland Golf Club, Stoll defeated Alivia Brown 2&1 in the PNGA victory in Pullman.

It was another strong performance by Stoll, who keyed the Arizona Wildcats in several big matches this spring on their way to the 2018 NCAA national championship in May.

Stoll shot an 8-under par 64 in the morning round of the Pacific Northwest women's amateur, and carded a 2-under 71 in Sunday's qualifying round for the Oregon Coast Invite.

She will face Molly Edmunds in a second-round match Thursday.

The women's division is loaded with talent, with other Tuesday wins coming from defending champion Lara Tennant, and past champions Cappy Mack and Amanda Jacobs.

The tournament continues Wednesday with action in the grand champions, junior/seniors and super seniors divisions.

Former Coast Invitational champion Amanda Jacobs tees off on the third hole in Tuesday's round.

Williams hits out again at testing 'discrimination'

Associated Press

Serena Williams has complained on social media that it's "test Serena" time again as she once more hit out at the frequency with which she is selected for anti-doping tests.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion took to Twitter on Tuesday night after she received another visit from a tester.

Williams tweeted: "And it's that time of the day to get 'randomly' drug tested and only test Serena. Out of all the players it's been proven I'm the one getting tested the most. Discrimination? I think so. At least I'll be keeping the sport clean."

In a second message, the 36-year-old American added: "But I'm ready to do whatever it takes to have a clean sport so bring it on. I'm excited."

Williams has complained before at being drug-tested more than other American tennis players this year.

"Just test everyone equally," Williams said on the eve of this year's Wimbledon, where she lost to Angelique Kerber in the final.

A report by Deadspin said Williams had been checked five times in 2018 by June, more than other U.S. women and men in the sport.

Williams returned to competition this season after missing more than a year as a result of pregnancy. She gave birth to a daughter last September.

As part of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's "intelligent" out-of-competition testing program, it is not unusual for top athletes — those who have had sustained success in their sport — to be tested more often than others.

Following her loss to Kerber, Williams said she had proven to herself that she could still compete to win Grand Slams. Her next Grand Slam title would tie her with Margaret Court for the most with 24. She already has the most major trophies in the professional era.

AP Photo/Tim Ireland

Serena Williams of the United States is dejected after losing a point to Germany's Angelique Kerber during their women's singles final match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships on July 14.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Gordon's error in 9th allows Giants to beat Mariners

SEATTLE — Pablo Sandoval hustled out of the box, and once the ball trickled past pitcher Edwin Diaz, he knew there was a chance of reaching base to keep San Francisco's ninth-inning rally alive.

In this case, a hustling Panda was speedy enough for the Giants — with a little help from a bad throw by Seattle second baseman Dee Gordon.

Steven Duggar scored from second base on Gordon's throwing error, giving the Giants a 4-3 win over the Mariners on Tuesday night.

Sandoval came up as a pinch-hitter with two outs and Duggar at second after a one-out single off Diaz. Duggar advanced to second when Alen Hanson grounded to the mound.

Sandoval hit a slow roller toward second base on a 1-2 pitch from Diaz (0-3) that Gordon charged from the outfield grass. Sandoval was going to beat the play, but Gordon still tried a rushed throw that first baseman Ryon Healy was unable to handle. As the ball bounced toward the Seattle dugout, Duggar scored.

Paxton scratched for M's, hopes to make next start

SEATTLE — James Paxton and the Seattle Mariners are hoping a bit of caution now keeps from dealing with additional problems later.

Paxton had a setback in his recovery from a lower back injury and was scratched from his scheduled start on Tuesday. Rather than coming off the disabled list to face San Francisco, Paxton remained on the DL dealing with the stiffness in his lower back. Roenis Elias was scheduled to get the start against the Giants.

"Just trying to be smart. I think I've made the mistake in the past of pushing it a little bit and then having something linger for a while and me not pitching at my best for a period of time," Paxton said. "We're fighting for postseason here. We need the best me out there to help us."

Stewart, Bird get double-doubles, Storm beat Fever

INDIANAPOLIS — Breanna Stewart had 26 points and 10 rebounds, Sue Bird also had a double-double and the league-leading Seattle Storm eased past the last-place Indiana Fever 92-72 on Tuesday night.

Natasha Howard added 16 points and nine rebounds for Seattle (19-7). Jewell Loyd scored 13 points and Bird had 11 points and 11 assists.

Seattle built a 43-23 lead midway through the second quarter but went scoreless for the next three-plus minutes as Indiana closed the half on an 11-3 run to cut it to 46-34. But Stewart scored 16 of Seattle's 25 third-quarter points as the Storm built an 18-point lead.

Kelsey Mitchell scored 26 points for Indiana (3-23). Candice Dupree had 14 points and 12 rebounds and Cappie Pondexter scored 10.

Cavs sign Love to $120M extension

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Kevin Love signed his new contract and proudly put on a hard hat.

The Cleveland Cavaliers will rebuild around him.

The All-Star forward made a long-term commitment to the franchise on Tuesday by signing a four-year, $120 million extension with the Cavaliers, who believe Love can help them stay competitive following LeBron James' departure.

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