

Seahawks offensive line not a major concern

By **TIM BOOTH**
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RENTON, Wash. — The list of concerns for the Seattle Seahawks as their mandatory team minicamp began Tuesday started with wide receiver and went through to questions about where the pass rush would come from. There is also uncertainty about the tight end position and how the secondary will shake out.

Noticeably missing from the list was Seattle's offensive line, which is a significant turnaround from previous years.

After several seasons during which the offensive line was the primary concern for the Seahawks going into training camp, it's now low on the list of worries for a team that should be a contender in the NFC. Last year's success and the ability to bring back four of five starters made the line an afterthought.

Injuries could quickly change that, but the Seahawks believe they could have one of the better offensive lines in the league.

"No one is confused out there," left tackle Duane Brown said. "I think once we get the pads on, the amount of physicality we'll play with will be demoralizing for defenses, so I'm looking forward to it."

A year ago, the Seahawks led the NFL in rushing in large part because of its success up front. The Seahawks averaged 160 yards per game rushing, an increase of more than 58 yards per game on the ground from the previous season. And the Seahawks led the league without getting major running contributions from Russell Wilson.

The foursome of Brown, J.R. Sweezy, Jus-



Seattle Seahawks center Joey Hunt hits a blocking sled.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

tin Britt and Germain Ifedi started at least 15 games. Guard D.J. Fluker started only nine, but may have been the most impactful of Seattle's linemen. Between the stability of having the same starting group and the addition of offensive line coach Mike Solari, Seattle was able to make rapid improvement.

The Seahawks return four of those five with the only subtraction being Sweezy, who signed in free agency with Arizona. But the Seahawks countered by signing veteran Mike

lupati and drafting Wake Forest guard Phil Haynes, who has been getting significant time with the starting unit during offseason workouts while lupati has rested a minor foot sprain.

Coach Pete Carroll said the way Seattle improves its pass protection will determine how well this group plays.

"We've got to come back and run the football like we did and find ways to be more effective in short yardage situations. But it will

really come back to pass pro," Carroll said. "We want to give (Russell Wilson) a really clean pocket back there so he can do his work. That will come along as we get together and the guys learn how to make their calls and fit together."

Ifedi made arguably the biggest improvement last year under Solari. But his future in Seattle is uncertain after the Seahawks opted not to exercise the fifth-year option on his rookie contract.

"I had no reaction. I'm not sure the fifth-year option is the best thing as far as a player contract," Ifedi said. "Reading into their not picking it up, football is a business and they made a business decision, and I can't feel one way or another about it."

NOTES: Unlike a year ago when Earl Thomas' absence clouded the mandatory minicamp, the only absence Tuesday was an excused one as DT Al Woods was dealing with a family issue. ... Carroll said the DE Ezekiel Ansah is fully recovered from offseason shoulder surgery and is now working on strengthening the shoulder. Carroll said the team will get a better sense of his timetable when training camp begins but the team wants to avoid rushing him back too soon. ... Rookies RB Travis Homer (hamstring), SS Marquise Blair (hamstring) and LB Ben Burr-Kirven (sports hernia surgery) were all spectators but should be ready by the start of training camp. ... Carroll had no update on the legal situation of LB Mychal Kendricks but said the team expects to have the linebacker available to play this season. Kendricks has pleaded guilty to federal insider trading charges.

Morgan has 5 goals as US routs Thailand 13-0

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
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REIMS, France — Alex Morgan tied a World Cup record with five goals as the defending champion U.S. national team opened the Women's World Cup with a record-breaking 13-0 rout of Thailand on Tuesday night.

Samantha Mewis and Rose Lavelle each added a pair of goals for the United States, which broke the record for goals and margin of victory in a World Cup game. Lindsey Horan, Megan Rapinoe, Mallory Pugh and Carli Lloyd also scored. The previous record margin was Germany's 11-0 victory over Argentina in 2007.

Morgan tied Michelle Akers' record for World Cup goals, set in the quarterfinals against Chinese Taipei in 1991.

"We really just came into the game really wanting to showcase ourselves," Morgan said. "Every goal matters in this tournament and that's what we were working on."

The two teams were the last to kickoff in the group stage for the monthlong tournament. Hosts France opened the World Cup before a sellout crowd in Paris on Friday night with a 4-0 victory over South Korea.

Ranked No. 1 in the world, the Americans had dropped only one match in their previous 38, a loss to France in Le Havre in Jan-



Alex Morgan, second right, celebrates after scoring her side's 12th goal.

AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino

uary. The team is 7-1-2 overall this year, with six straight wins going into the World Cup.

The last time the Americans played on the world's biggest stage, Lloyd had a hat trick in the first 16 minutes and the United States beat Japan 5-2 in Canada for the trophy.

The U.S. pounced early against Thailand, too, on Morgan's header in the 13th minute off Kelley O'Hara's precisely placed cross. Mewis, Lavelle and Horan were all making their World Cup debuts.

Thailand, ranked No. 34 in the world, was clearly outmatched even though the team has shown progress on the world stage. Making its World Cup debut in 2015 four years ago, Thailand finished third in its group but

earned its first win, a 3-2 victory over Ivory Coast.

At the final whistle, Lloyd and Christian Press were seen consoling the Thailand goalkeeper. Morgan put her arm around an opponent, who was wiping away tears on the pitch moments after the final whistle.

The World Cup comes at a time that female players across the globe are seeking better treatment and pay. The U.S. national team has long championed equal rights, and players collectively filed a lawsuit earlier this year that alleges discrimination by the U.S. Soccer Federation and are seeking pay equitable with that of the men's national team.

The players say the lawsuit is on hold while they're in France.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
64 52	62 52	63 53	65 54	63 53	62 51	66 52
Cooler	Mostly cloudy	Low clouds may break	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun	Cloudy	Partly sunny

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 86/52
 Month to date 0.42"
 Normal high/low 63/50
 Record high 92 in 1940
 Record low 40 in 1988

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.42"
 Normal month to date 1.12"
 Year to date 22.43"
 Normal year to date 34.48"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Barnard's Star, the second-closest star system to Earth, is in the constellation Ophiuchus, the serpent bearer.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:24 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 9:08 p.m.
 Moonrise today 5:16 p.m.
 Moonset today 3:28 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
June 17	June 25	July 2	July 9

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
11:09 a.m.	6.4	5:13 a.m.	0.3	
11:11 p.m.	8.6	5:01 p.m.	1.4	
Cape Disappointment				
10:56 a.m.	5.9	4:34 a.m.	0.2	
10:50 p.m.	8.3	4:14 p.m.	1.5	
Hammond				
11:03 a.m.	6.7	4:49 a.m.	0.3	
11:01 p.m.	8.9	4:36 p.m.	1.6	
Warrenton				
11:04 a.m.	6.8	4:57 a.m.	0.4	
11:06 p.m.	9.1	4:45 p.m.	1.5	
Knappa				
11:46 a.m.	6.7	6:14 a.m.	0.2	
11:48 p.m.	8.9	6:02 p.m.	1.2	
Depoe Bay				
10:11 a.m.	6.0	4:03 a.m.	0.1	
10:03 p.m.	8.6	3:41 p.m.	1.6	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	80/59/s	79/62/s
Boston	66/60/r	74/59/pc
Chicago	67/54/pc	76/62/pc
Dallas	85/68/s	89/75/s
Denver	82/57/t	82/53/t
Honolulu	90/74/s	89/75/s
Houston	92/69/s	93/77/pc
Los Angeles	77/61/pc	74/62/pc
Miami	90/76/t	88/79/t
New York City	66/59/r	72/60/pc
Phoenix	110/81/s	104/79/s
San Francisco	70/55/pc	69/54/pc
Wash., DC	77/59/t	77/59/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Seattle	79/56	79/56	Wenatchee	93/62	93/62
Tacoma	79/51	79/51	Moses Lake	97/59	97/59
Yakima	96/55	96/55	Pullman	86/59	86/59
Kennewick	99/61	99/61	Walla Walla	94/63	94/63
Lewiston	93/63	93/63	Enterprise	83/48	83/48
Pendleton	93/60	93/60	La Grande	87/53	87/53
John Day	86/56	86/56	Ontario	90/60	90/60
Burns	82/47	82/47	Caldwell	87/59	87/59
Medford	95/59	95/59	Klamath Falls	86/47	86/47