

SPORTS

Demos in Football Semifinals

Jefferson High School has advanced to the semifinals of the Oregon 5A football championship series for the second year in a row.

The Democrats face Sherwood on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at PGE Park.

Jefferson beat Glencoe, 41-21 last Saturday in Hillsboro to set up the matchup.

The 5A Portland Interscholastic League champions were able to stop Glencoe from scoring on a long opening drive and then scored four times in a row. The Democrats won rave reviews for their big offensive line, defensive pursuit and speed to turn the game into a physical mismatch.

The upcoming matchup with Sherwood will be the second this year between the two teams. Sherwood beat Jefferson 40-7 on Sept. 18.

If Jefferson should reach the final it would be the first time since 1959 -- an era that included players such as Mel Renfro and Terry Baker.

Civil War has Rose Bowl on Line

Oregon hosts historic matchup

(AP) -- It is being dubbed the War of the Roses.

The 113th Civil War rivalry game between 10th-ranked Oregon and 16th-ranked Oregon State this Thursday night will decide the Pac-10's representative in the Rose Bowl. And the state of Oregon has never seen anything quite like it.

Tickets for the game reached \$500 apiece on Craigslist.org this week. One pair, offered for \$1,000, included an unpaid reservation for the night at a nearby hotel, an additional \$159 cost.

The frenzy over tickets prompted Oregon Attorney General John

Kroger to issue a warning over counterfeit tickets.

"Con artists and scammers routinely try to capitalize off of highly anticipated events to pad their own wallets," Kroger's office said in an advisory that offered tips for spotting scams.

Autzen Stadium seats more than 54,000. Oregon officials also sell some 5,000 standing-room only tickets. All were long ago sold out.

Oregon (9-2, 7-1) hasn't been to the Rose Bowl since the 1994 season, and Oregon State

(8-3, 6-2) hasn't been there since the 1964 season.

It is the first time in the history of the rivalry game that both teams are playing for a trip to Pasadena.

"This might be the craziest it has been all year. USC was pretty crazy," Oregon safety T.J. Ward said. "But there's nothing like the Civil War."



Obama's Cheer for Oregon State

(AP) -- Oregon State gave the first fan something to cheer about.

Seth Tarver scored 18 points and the Beavers beat George Washington 64-57 on Saturday, with President Barack Obama and his family watching from courtside in the half-full Smith Center in Washington, D.C.

Brother-in-law Craig Robinson is the Oregon State coach, and the president brought along first lady Michelle Obama, daughters Malia and Sasha, and mother-in-law Marian Robinson.

The coach said he enjoyed



President Barack Obama watches a college basketball game Saturday between George Washington University and Oregon State with his mother-in-law Marian Robinson, first lady Michelle Obama and daughter Sasha in Washington.

having his family at the game.

"He's a huge basketball fan," Robinson said of the president. "He pays close attention and he's always followed us."

Oregon State (2-3) led 14-0 before George Washington realized the game had started, but the Colonials (4-1) managed to narrow the deficit to 10 with a run late in the first half.

The first Pac-10 team to play in the Smith Center kept up its fast-paced offense, though, and the Beavers held on in the second half.

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Media sensation focuses on couple

(AP) -- Tiger Woods did not appear to be driving under the influence and showed no signs of having been in a fight in the minutes after his car crash outside his mansion, an attorney for the neighbors who dialed 911 said Tuesday.

Woods' injuries were "consistent with a car wreck and inconsistent with him being beat up," attorney Bill Sharpe said. "The scratches on his face were consistent with someone who maybe was in a minor car accident and hit his head on the windshield. ... None of his injuries looked like he was beat up



Tiger Woods and his wife Elin Nordegren pictured in October in San Francisco.

wife told Windermere police she used a golf club to smash the back windows to help him out.

Tabloid speculation has focused on whether Woods and his wife were fighting before the accident. The crash came two days after The National Enquirer published a story alleging that Woods had been seeing a New York nightclub hostess, and that they recently were together in Melbourne, where Woods competed in the Australian Masters.

The woman, Rachel Uchitel, denied having an affair with Woods when contacted by The Associated Press.

Sharpe said the Adams family did not see the crash and did not see Woods' wife with a golf club.

"One thing we want to make clear is that Mrs. Woods' attitude was consistent with her being concerned about her injured husband," Sharpe said. "Mrs. Woods was trying to help him. Mrs. Woods was worried about her husband. She was concerned."

Woods withdrew Monday from his own golf tournament, citing injuries from the crash.

by his wife."

The Florida Highway Patrol said Tuesday that Woods would be cited for careless driving, but will not face criminal charges.

Sharpe said neighbor Linda Adams and her two adult sons went outside their home in the exclusive gated community of Islesworth after hearing the crash and Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren, asked them to call 911.

He said the neighbors found Nordegren kneeling beside her

husband, upset about his injuries. Sharpe said Woods appeared woozy and had scratches on his face and that his wife was trying to console him. The Adams wrapped Woods in a blanket and made sure he didn't move.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol accident report, Woods crashed his SUV into a fire hydrant and a tree at 2:25 a.m. Friday. The airbags did not deploy in the crash, and Woods'

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