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Mariners add outfielder in trade

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres traded outfielder Seth Smith to the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday in exchange for hard-throwing reliever Brandon Maurer.



Smith was left without a spot in the Padres outfield after San Diego's makeover that included the acquisitions of Matt Kemp, Justin Upton and Wil Myers.

But Smith should have a significant role in Seattle, likely in an outfield platoon with Justin Ruggiano. The left-handed hitting Smith batted .266 with 12 homers and 48 RBIs last season. But against right-handed pitching, Smith hit .270 with all 12 of his home runs and an .815 on-base plus slugging percentage.

LeBron to miss two weeks with injuries

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James' homecoming season has hit a hurdle.

The Cavaliers superstar is expected to miss at least the next two weeks with injuries to his left knee and back. The timing of the injuries are another blow to the Cavaliers, who have been jarred by a rash of medical issues and failed to live up to the enormous expectations triggered by James re-signing as a free agent with Cleveland last summer.

The team said Thursday that James has been diagnosed with knee and back strains. He'll be treated with "anti-inflammatories, rehabilitation, training room treatments and rest," and the Cavs projected he will miss two weeks. If he's out for just that span, James will be back for a Jan. 15 game in Los Angeles against the Lakers. The Cavs begin a five-game West Coast trip on Jan. 9.

James

"Man, I don't know this guy. I just now heard of him yesterday from this incident. He's trying to get on the scene, I guess. We'll see."

Golden Tate

Detroit Lions WR in response to comments from Dallas Cowboys S Barry Church, who called Tate's 2012 blind-side block on Dallas LB Sean Lee "the dirtiest shot I've ever seen" on a radio segment in Dallas.

Tate, then a member of the Seattle Seahawks, was fined \$21,000 for the hit that came during a 27-7 Seattle win.

Church said the Cowboys are still looking for revenge when they host the Lions on Sunday in the NFC wild-card round.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1986 — Eric Dickerson shatters the NFL playoff record with a 248-yard rushing performance and two touchdowns to lead the Los Angeles Rams to a 20-0 win over the Dallas Cowboys.

2002 — Michael Jordan becomes the fourth player in NBA history to score 30,000 points, reaching the milestone for the Washington Wizards in an 89-83 win over his old team, the Chicago Bulls.

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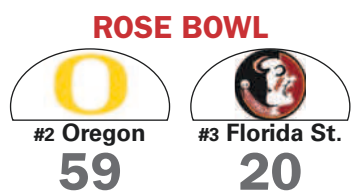
ROSE BOWL RAMPAGE



Oregon wide receiver Darren Carrington, front, scores under pressure by Florida State defensive back Trey Marshall during the second half of the Rose Bowl NCAA college football playoff semifinal, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, in Pasadena, Calif.

Oregon advances to title game with rout

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press



PASADENA, Calif. — Marcus Mariota and Oregon turned an avalanche of Florida State mistakes into a mountain of points and the Ducks rolled past the defending national champions 59-20 Thursday to turn the first College Football Playoff semifinal into a Rose Bowl rout.

Mariota and the second-seeded Ducks (13-1) scored six straight times they touched the ball in the second half, with five of the touchdowns covering at least 21 yards and the last four coming after Florida State turnovers.

In the matchup of Heisman Trophy winners, Jameis Winston

matched Mariota's numbers, but the Seminoles were no match for the Ducks. The Pac-12 champions will play the winner of the Sugar Bowl semifinal between Alabama and Ohio State on Jan. 12 in Arlington, Texas.

"It's incredible. I'm so proud of these guys right here," Mariota said. "We've got one more to take care of."

Third-seeded Florida State's
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Oregon linebacker Justin Hollins, front left, forces a fumble by Florida State running back Dalvin Cook during the second half of the Rose Bowl NCAA college football playoff semifinal, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, in Pasadena, Calif.

AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill



Ohio State players celebrates touchdown by running back Ezekiel Elliott in the second half of the Sugar Bowl NCAA college football playoff semifinal game against Alabama, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, in New Orleans.

Buckeyes upend Crimson Tide

Associated Press



NEW ORLEANS — Cardale Jones came through again at the Sugar Bowl. Ezekiel Elliott ran all over mighty Alabama. And Urban Meyer's quest to turn Ohio State into SEC North is one victory away from a national championship.

Jones turned in another savvy performance in his second college start and Elliott ran for 230 yards, leading the Buckeyes to a 42-35 up-

set of top-ranked Alabama in the College Football Playoff semifinal Thursday night.

Rallying from a 21-6 deficit, the Buckeyes (13-1) advanced to play Oregon in the

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Preps

Trojans hold off Vikings in tournament opener

Umatilla drops close contest in Salem

East Oregonian

SALEM — The Umatilla girls basketball team overcame a slow start to catch Kennedy in the fourth quarter, but the No. 2 team in Class 2A was able to secure a 54-52 victory at the free throw line in the first round of the Salem Academy Tournament on Thursday.

With about two minutes left the Vikings (9-3) took their first lead of the game at 49-48, but the Trojans (8-1) answered with a field goal before Umatilla knotted it at 50-50.

"It was tied at 50-50 there for awhile, and unfortunately we missed a couple critical free throws," said Umatilla coach Scott Bow.

Kennedy broke the tie with a field goal, then hit a pair of free throws to ice the victory. They were the only two free throws the Trojans hit in the game.

The Trojans' Lakin Susee and

the Vikings' Aleesha Watson each scored a game-high 19 points, and Watson added nine rebounds.

Umatilla's Courtney Dohman chipped in 16 points and eight rebounds and Sidney Webb added 11 points.

The Vikings were 1 for 16 from three-point range.

Umatilla will play Nixyaawii in the next round, the first meeting ever between the two Umatilla County schools.

KENNEDY 54, UMATILLA 52

KHS (8-1) 12 18 12 14 — 54
UHS (9-3) 5 16 16 14 — 52
KENNEDY — K. Frey 4, Lakin Susee 19, M. Brown 0, B. Pranger 0, H. Arritola 0, M. Grosjacques 10, H. Kloft 4, M. Jaeger 0, K. Conte 3, A. Frey 0, K. Ratliff 10.
UMATILLA — M. Paz 2, K. Barajas 0, I. Campos 0, B. Campos 0, B. Chavez 0, S. Webb 11, K. Galbraith 4, C. Dohman 16, Aleesha Watson 19.
3-point field goals — KHS 1, UHS 1, Free throws — KHS 2-6, UHS 21-27. Fouls — KHS 20, UHS 14. Fouled out — L. Susee (KHS).

VALLEY CATHOLIC, 62 NIXYAAWII 42 — At Salem, the fifth ranked team in 4A forced the Golden Eagles out of their rhythm with an aggressive man-to-man

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