

Sports shorts

Duck women join men as champions

EUGENE (AP) — Jenna Prandini won the 100 meters and finished second to Kentucky’s Dezerea Bryant in an exceedingly fast 200 on Saturday, leading the Oregon women to their first NCAA track and field championship in 30 years.

It is the first time the Ducks men and women have won the championship the same year. They did it on their home track, in the second of an eight-year contract to host the championships at Hayward Field.



Freshman Raevyn Rogers gave Oregon an unexpected boost when she pulled away to win the 800, shaving nearly two seconds off her personal best with a run of 1:59.71.

The Ducks finished with 59 points, 26 of them from Prandini, who was second in the long jump on Thursday. Kentucky was a strong second with 50, and Texas A&M third with 47.

FIFA’s Blazer went undercover for US prosecutors

Former FIFA executive committee member Chuck Blazer agreed to act undercover for U.S. prosecutors and has been cooperating since at least 2011 in the government’s investigation of soccer corruption.

FACES



Blazer

Blazer’s 19-page plea agreement from Nov. 25, 2013, was unsealed Monday after a federal judge agreed to a

request by media organizations. As part of the deal, Blazer agreed he would sign over title of his FIFA pension to satisfy payments owed to the U.S. government.

In exchange for Blazer’s cooperation and guilty pleas to 10 counts, the government agreed not to recommend a specific sentence for his crimes and also accepted that a reduction of up to three levels be warranted under sentencing guidelines.

After the corruption investigation became public, FIFA President Sepp Blatter said he would resign.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if he returns. I’m surprised he left. I was very surprised. If he doesn’t come back, I would think football’s over for him.”

— Jim Popp

Montreal Alouette general manager on Michael Sam’s decision to leave the football team last week. Sam made headlines last year as the NFL’s first openly gay player. He was released by the Dallas Cowboys before ending up in the Canadian Football League with the Alouettes.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1996 — Roy Jones Jr. completes a unique doubleheader, successfully defending his IBF super middleweight title after playing in a pro basketball game. Jones stops Eric Lucas in the 11th round after scoring five points in a United States Basketball League game in the afternoon.

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Stanley Cup

Blackhawks champs, again



Members of the Chicago Blackhawks celebrate after defeating the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final series on Monday, June 15, 2015, in Chicago. The Blackhawks defeated the Lightning 2-0 to win the series 4-2.

AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast

Chicago wins third Stanley Cup title in six years

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Showing off their grit and determination, the Chicago Blackhawks finally put away the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Stanley Cup Final.

The city of broad shoulders, strong enough to carry the silver trophy once again. A Windy City party 77 years in the making.

Duncan Keith scored in the second period and directed a dominant defense that shut down Tampa Bay’s high-scoring attack, and the Blackhawks beat the Lightning 2-0 in Game 6 on Monday night for

their third NHL title in the past six seasons.

“It doesn’t feel real right now. It’s unbelievable,” captain Jonathan Toews said. “Feels like a dream. Every time we do it, it gets better and better. It’s an amazing feeling.”

Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist, helping the Blackhawks clinch the Cup on home ice for the first time since 1938. Corey Crawford, who was pulled from Chicago’s first-round series against Nashville, had 25 saves in his fifth



career playoff shutout.

Keith was a unanimous selection for the Conn Smythe Trophy for

playoff MVP after he finished with 21 points while playing over 700 minutes in a grueling postseason.

“We just seem to get better and better every year,” defenseman Brent Seabrook said. “We’ve been lucky enough to win three. Every time we’ve won it, it seems to get better.”

It was an appropriate conclusion to a series full of near misses and

close calls that had fans in Chicago and Tampa Bay on the edge of their seats for almost two weeks. It was only the second final to begin with five one-goal games, and no team enjoyed a two-goal advantage until an open Kane buried a perfect pass from Brad Richards at 14:46 of the third.

It was Kane’s first goal of the final, and it touched off a wild celebration by the frenzied crowd of 22,424, who broke out more chants of “We want the Cup! We want the Cup!”

“I’d say you have a dynasty,” NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman See STANLEY CUP/2B

MLB



AP Photo/Ben Margot

Seattle Mariners pitcher Taijuan Walker follows through on a delivery to the San Francisco Giants during the first inning of a baseball game Monday in San Francisco.

Walker dominant in M’s win

Morrison puts Seattle ahead in fifth inning



By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Kyle Seager hit his 11th home run with a solo shot in the eighth, Taijuan Walker struck out six in seven innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the San Francisco Giants 5-1 on Monday night.

Logan Morrison hit a go-ahead single in the fifth to support Walker (4-6), who outpitched Tim Hudson to win consecutive starts for the first time all season. The right-hander earned his first interleague victory after going 0-3 in his first three.

The Mariners bounced back after they were blanked 13-0 a day earlier at Houston, sending San Francisco to its ninth straight home defeat. That’s the longest in San Francisco history and worst since the

club’s 11-game skid at New York’s Polo Grounds from Sept. 11-19, 1940.

World Series champion San Francisco lost its fifth straight overall for its third losing streak of five or more this season.

The Mariners added on in the fifth on a fielding blunder when second baseman Joe Panik scurried backward and tried to catch Austin Jackson’s popup in shallow center but missed the ball. It didn’t appear center fielder Angel Pagan called him off, while right fielder Jarrett Parker also hustled to the play.

Jackson singled home an insurance run in the ninth.

The teams played once previously at AT&T Park, during the ballpark’s opening season in 2000 when Seattle took two of three from June 9-11 that year. It was 58

degrees for first pitch this time in mid-June, pretty typical for a San Francisco summer.

Seattle’s leadoff hitter reached on a single in four of the first six innings against Hudson (4-6), who allowed eight hits and three runs in five innings.

Nori Aoki hit an infield single in the second for the Giants’ lone run after Seattle went ahead in the first on Nelson Cruz’s grounder.

The Giants have been outscored 45-17 during their home skid. They lost against the American League at home for only the third time in 14 regular-season games since the beginning of 2014.

San Francisco’s Angel Pagan snapped an 0-for-19 hitless stretch with his first-inning single.

CRAWFORD’S GLOVE

Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford made a trio of snazzy plays in a 1-2-3 seventh. He made a diving stop on Morrison’s grounder, then another nice throw on a groundball by Jackson before catching Robinson Cano’s hard liner.

Summer Baseball

Cockburn lifts Pepsi to victory

EO Media Group

KENNEWICK, Wash. — Quinn Cockburn pitched the Pepsi DiamondJaxx out of a two-game skid with a complete-game three-hitter Sunday over the Spokane Northstars.

The rising senior struck out eight batters and walked just one batter in the team’s 4-0 victory. The Northstars moved just one runner past second base as the DiamondJaxx (3-5) ace regained his dominance.

Pepsi scored two runs in both the second and sixth innings. Jack Peterson hit a one-run single in the second and a Cockburn flyout resulted in one of five Spokane errors and another run scored. Ryan Russell and Hayden Villers each scored runs on wild pitches in the sixth to expand the lead.

Pepsi faced the Twin City Titans for the second time in three days in the DiamondJaxx second game on Sunday at Lapierre Stadium in Kennewick. The result was the same for the Pendleton-based American Legion club — a defeat.

Once again, the DiamondJaxx managed just one run in a 4-1 loss. They took a 10-1 defeat in Friday’s meeting.

Cockburn managed the lone hit and lone run in the fourth inning. Cockburn hit a single and cmae around to score on a Gage Correa sac fly two batters later.

The Titans scored two runs in the first and two more in the fifth inning.

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STANFIELD 11-10, TRI CITIES BADGERS 0-11 — At Stanfield, the Tigers AAU baseball team split a pair of games against the Badgers over the weekend.

See BASEBALL/2B