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Swiss find possible money laundering

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Reeling from an American federal investigation of bribery in soccer, FIFA was put under more pressure Wednesday as the scale of a separate Swiss investigation of suspected money laundering was revealed.

Banks in Switzerland have flagged up 53 possible acts of money-laundering that could be linked to FIFA's 2018 and 2022 World Cup bidding contests, the country's attorney-general said.

Future World Cup hosts Russia and Qatar were not implicated by Swiss federal prosecutor Michael Lauber.



Manziel no longer 'Johnny Football'

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Johnny Football became more than Johnny Manziel could handle.

"It just overtook who I was as a person," the

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Manziel

Browns quarterback said Wednesday. Speaking to the media for the first time since spending 10 weeks in a rehab facility, the polarizing Manziel said he's hoping to move past a regrettable chapter in his life. While he didn't divulge the reasons for his stay in a Pennsylvania substance-abuse facility, Manziel acknowledged he got caught up trying to live up to a persona he helped create.

"I think at times Johnny Football probably took over me a little bit and I bought into that," Manziel said following the team's second mandatory mini-camp practice. "I didn't do my best to hush things down, push down the hype. At times I welcomed it with immaturity and just accepted that a little bit — and that's my fault."

"With what we have done so far, I am 100 percent confident that this does not touch upper management."

— Jim Martin

Attorney for the Doyd Bennet law firm, which had been hired by the St. Louis Cardinals in February for an internal review of allegations the team hacked the player database for the Houston Astros.

It was reported this week that the FBI is also investigating the Cardinals, but the FBI would not confirm the report.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1960 — Armin Hary of West Germany becomes the first man to run 100 meters in 10.0 seconds at a meet in Zurich, Switzerland.

1964 — Jim Bunning of the Philadelphia Phillies pitches a perfect game against the New York Mets. The no-hitter gives Bunning one in each league and the Phillies' Gus Triandos becomes the first catcher to handle no-hitters in both leagues.

1994 — Lori McNeil upsets five-time champion Steffi Graf 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) in the first round of Wimbledon. Graf becomes the first reigning women's champion to lose in the first round.

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Oregon Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, poses with Marcus Mariota's Heisman Trophy.

Contributed photo courtesy of Bill Hansell



State honors Heisman winners

Hansell sponsors senate resolution for Mariota, Baker

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

SALEM — The Heisman Trophy made a trip to the state capitol Tuesday.

The bronze statue belonging to former University of Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota landed

in Salem as the Oregon Senate honored the current Tennessee Titan with a senate resolution chiefly sponsored by state Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena.

In December, Mariota became the first Oregon player to win the Heisman Trophy, given to the NCAA's most outstanding football player. Mariota and the Ducks made a run to the first College Football Playoff title game, but lost to Ohio State in the championship game.

Even before the championship game run, honoring

the Duck signal caller seemed like a no-brainer for Hansell, who is a University of Oregon graduate.

"During the season I thought if he is fortunate enough to win the (Heisman), then I'd better get the ball rolling," he said.

The honor is the highest available for citizens during the course of the senate's legislative session, Hansell said.

As to not leave anyone out, Hansell also sponsored a resolution for the state's other

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College National Finals Rodeo

Timberwolves survive off day



AP Photo/Casper Star-Tribune, Ryan Dorgan

Bullfighter Dusty Tuckness takes a look back at Kathmadu in the bull riding event at the College National Finals Rodeo at the Casper Events Center in Casper, Wyo., Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

BMCC was without an entry during Wednesday's CNFR performance

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CASPER, Wyo. — Wednesday provided zero upward movement for the Blue Mountain rodeo team at the College National Finals Rodeo.

That's for good reason, the Timberwolves were without a single entry.

Fortunately for BMCC, there was little movement on the leaderboard and several T-Wolves remain in strong position to advance to Saturday's short-go.

Callahan Crossley of Hermiston

remains tops in the barrel racing for Blue Mountain as none of the evening's rides surpassed her 42.28 second three-round aggregate time. Teammates Danyelle Williams and Jessica Lewis will challenge Crossley's positioning with their final go's this evening.

Jared Parke's first two bulldogging runs have the sophomore in strong to standing to advance. He'll get a chance to cement the possibility tonight. Clayton Hanson will need a miracle to advance, sitting in 10th place with 18 rides left.

Parke is also a strong contender in the tie-down roping. He'll finish up his first three go's Friday.

Without competing, Blue Mountain dropped from fourth to 14th in the men's competition, the women from third to fifth.

The status quo remained in Wednesday's bullriding competition. No athlete was able to stay atop for the designated time. That was good news for Pendleton native and Oregon State bullrider Bryan Carter. Carter is one of nine athletes to post a score (a 71.5 on his first go)

and one of just 11 fair gos in total. Carter will look to seal up a spot this evening. Leader Gray Essary of Ranger College will also be in tonight's field.

Beaver teammate Devin Robinson of Heppner will try to gain a spot in the tie-down finals tonight. He's been 50-50 thus far, with one legal ride.

There is a new leader in the tie-down roping after Tarleton State's Landon Williams roped and tied his calf in 9.4 seconds, giving him 29.1 on three.

U.S. Open

Most important figure not even playing

USGA executive will set the stage at Chambers Bay

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. — Tiger Woods speaks of him in reverential tones.

No one has received more attention in the months leading up to the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, mainly because of his reputation in this major over the last decade.

His name is Mike Davis, and he's not even playing.

Davis is the executive director of the USGA, the man largely responsible for U.S. Open coming to a golf course unlike any other in its 120-year history.

He has been setting up courses at the U.S. Open since 2006 at Winged Foot, which was so tough that Geoff Ogilvy won without ever breaking



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

Hunter Mahan hits from the fairway on the 18th hole during a practice round for the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

par. Davis also was in charge of the U.S. Opens that produced the two lowest scores in champion-

ship history — Rory McIlroy at Congressional (268) and Martin Kaymer at Pinehurst No. 2 (271).

And now, Davis gets his hands on a course that allows for more options than ever.

"What we don't know — none of the people in this room know and all the players — don't know what Mike is going to do and when he's going to do it," Woods said. "What tees he's going to move up, what tees he's going to leave back. And to what pin locations? We have a general idea. But it's unlike any other major championship I've ever had to prepare for, having to hit so many different tee shots."

The golf course is always important, especially at majors that rotate around the country. What makes this U.S. Open so different is that Chambers Bay has been getting far more attention than the guys who will be playing it.

And that goes to Davis, a name being talked about as much as McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, Woods and Phil Mickelson this week at

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