

Sports shorts

Seminoles dismiss quarterback

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State has dismissed freshman quarterback De’Andre Johnson from the team on the same day that prosecutors released video showing him punching a woman at a bar.

In a statement Monday, coach Jimbo Fisher announced Johnson’s immediate dismissal. The quarterback had been suspended after the June 24 assault.

In the security camera video released by the State Attorney’s Office, it appears the woman and Johnson were trying to get a position at the bar, and Johnson jostled her.

The woman raises a fist and shouts at Johnson before he grabs her fist and holds it down. She then raises her other hand and swings. It’s not clear whether she made contact, but Johnson responds by punching her in the face while still grabbing her other hand.



McIlroy injured playing soccer

LONDON — Rory McIlroy was on crutches Monday with an ankle injury from playing soccer, leaving in doubt the prospects of golf’s No. 1 player defending his British Open title next week at St. Andrews.

Just as excitement was building toward a potential clash at the Old Course between McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, McIlroy posted a jarring photo on Instagram showing him on crutches with a walking boot on this left ankle. The 26-year-old from Northern Ireland said it was a “total rupture” of an ankle ligament and the joint capsule that happened while he was playing soccer with friends.

Sean O’Flaherty, his chief spokesman, said they would not know until later in the week the extent of the injury and whether McIlroy would be able to tee it up July 16 at St. Andrews.

FACES



McIlroy

“The play happens, and they pick the ball off. And I take three steps. And on the third step God says to me, ‘I’m using you. ... I want to see how you respond. But most importantly I want them to see how you respond.”

— **Russell Wilson**
Seattle Seahawks QB speaking in a Q&A at The Rock Church in San Diego on Sunday.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1911 — Dorothea Lambert Chambers sets the record for the shortest championship match at Wimbledon 25 minutes by disposing of Dora Boothby 6-0, 6-0 in the women’s final.

1985 — West Germany’s Boris Becker, 17, becomes the youngest champion and first unseeded player in the history of the men’s singles at Wimbledon with a 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-4 victory over Kevin Curren.

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Little League Baseball

Pendleton teams advance at districts

Note: Little League reports are dependent upon coaches/parents cooperation. Report scores and statistics to sports@eastoregonian.com or (541) 966-0838.

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — A pair of Pendleton clubs pulled off come-from-behind wins on Monday as the District 3 Little League baseball tournament continued at La Grande’s Pioneer Park.

The 9/10-year-old all-stars scored five runs in the top of the

sixth inning and then held off a rally by Harney County to win 11-10. Pendleton’s 11/12 all-stars took the lead for good in the third inning and also had to hold off a late rally from Milton-Freewater in a 12-7 win.

The 9/10’s improved to 3-0 in pool play, and scored nine runs in the final two innings against Harney.

Pendleton put its first two runners on in the top of the fifth with a walk and an error, then Payton Lambert brought them both in to score on a double, his second of the game.

That made the score 7-4 with Harney in the lead, but Andrew

Demianew continued to chip into that on the next at-bat with a single that scored Lambert. Jack Lieuallen also added an RBI single in the inning before Harney could stop the bleeding at 7-6.

Dylan Alexander kept Harney off the board in the bottom of the fifth, though, and Pendleton carried its momentum into the sixth.

Again the team’s first two hitters reached base, and both came around to score after Chas Corbett’s bunt back to give Pendleton the lead.

Demianew then drove in Corbett for his team-leading third RBI, and

Lambert scored on an errant throw to make it 11-7.

Harney didn’t go without a fight, and had the tying run on third base with one out in the bottom of the sixth, but Lambert came on in relief and got a strikeout and a groundout to end it.

Pendleton used five pitchers in the game, with Lieuallen getting the win with 1 1-3 inning of relief duty. Lambert got the save.

The team started its tournament on Saturday with a 16-1 win over Hermiston Americans and then beat

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Women’s World Cup

U.S. celebration continues

Americans still coming to grips with World Cup championship

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Megan Rapinoe strolled around taking selfies, occasionally sipping bubbly with her teammates and trying to balance the Women’s World Cup championship trophy on her head.

A day after the United States claimed its third Women’s World Cup title, the party was still going on in Vancouver on Monday.

“I’m one star heavier, one year older,” said Rapinoe, who turned 30 years old on Sunday. “It’s better, I think. I can’t even explain it. Of course all of the hard work and everything for it to culminate in this and share it with this group that we spend so much time together with is just incredible.”

For a number of players, the realization was just beginning to set it of their accomplishment in beating Japan 5-2 for the Americans’ first World Cup title since 1999.

Working on little sleep after a night of celebrating with family, friends and fans — a lot of “smiles, a lot of screaming, a lot of dancing,” according to Julie Johnston — the U.S. team took part in a special event put on by Fox Sports. Players received their first jerseys that included the third star above the crest, the latest title adding the ones earned in 1991 and ’99.



United States’ Megan Rapinoe kisses the trophy after defeating Japan to win the FIFA Women’s World Cup soccer championship in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Sunday, July 5, 2015.

It was a celebration filled with about 1,000 American fans surrounding the set overlooking Coal Harbor on the Vancouver waterfront.

“It hasn’t honestly sunk in. It really hasn’t,” American head coach Jill Ellis said. “You’re on this media thing and doing all this, but at some point it will sink in.”

Perhaps no player was coming to grips with her newfound stardom more than Carli Lloyd, whose hat trick in the first 16 minutes gave the Americans a 4-0 lead. Lloyd went from being one of the top female soccer players in America to one of the country’s biggest

sports stars in less than two hours. She was tweeted at by President Barack Obama and even had her Wikipedia page changed briefly to say her position was “President of the United States.”

If Lloyd believed she still had some anonymity in the United States before, there’s a good chance most of that is gone now.

“I think it’s definitely gone to another level,” Lloyd said. “I’m not sure I’m ready for that, but it’s great.”

Lloyd later joked she would love to find a beach to take a break.

“I’m pretty mentally zapped right now. I would love to not think

about anything,” she said.

Part of the reason that facelessness might be gone is the record ratings the American women set. The match was seen by 26.7 million viewers on Fox and NBC’s Spanish-language Telemundo, the networks said Monday.

Fans back home were engaged and they were rewarded with the first title for the U.S. in 16 years.

“I think every team that wins has a different story,” Johnston said. “We have a different story. But we share a star and we knew the (1999 players) were rooting for us just like the (1991 players) were rooting for the 99ers.”

Motorsports



In this photo made early Monday, July 6, 2015, Austin Dillon (3) goes airborne as he was involved in a multi-car crash on the final lap of the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Daytona wreck puts safety in spotlight

By **JENNA FRYER**
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Riding bumper-to-bumper at nearly 200 mph, Austin Dillon was smack in the middle of a pack of cars headed to the checkered flag when he was suddenly sent on the ride of his life.

A wreck that began three rows ahead of him sent cars spinning all over the track. When one turned into him, the force of the hit flipped his car up and over two others. Dillon sailed nearly upside down into the

Daytona International Speedway catchfence with such a hard hit that it nearly brought his 3,500-pound car to a sudden stop.

The fence acted like a slingshot, sending the sheared race car back onto the track, where it landed on its roof and was hit again while the engine block smoldered nearby. Left behind were a handful of fans who received only minor injuries from the debris, and a gaping hole in the fence, the mesh torn away.

And Dillon?

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PENDLETON

Nance wins PGG bull riding title

Stanfield’s Ford places fourth

East Oregonian

Cody Nance made his visit to Pendleton a memorable one by winning more than \$8,000 at the PGG Independence Day PBR.

Nance, from Paris, Tennessee was the top rider after two nights of competition at Happy Canyon Arena and scored points on both nights to earn another check in the sixth-place spot.

The two highest scores of the PBR Touring Pro Division event both came in Friday’s short-go and both came from the pen of Jeff Robinson Bucking Bulls.

Nance covered Imagine That for 87.5 and River Stephenson of Blackfoot, Idaho scored 86.5 on RMEF Team Elk.

Nance, who is ranked No. 15 on the PBR’s Built Ford Tough Series, came back with an 80 on BMC Bucking Bulls/Jeff Robinson’s Light Em Up on Saturday night to complete the double dip and bring his total winnings to \$8,084.

No riders scored in Saturday’s short-go, and Stephenson’s 86.5 earned him second place and \$5,291. Rugar Piva of Challis, Idaho scored 86 on Sagebrush of Mossyrock Cattle Company in Saturday’s long round and place third for \$3,600.

The next two placers also won their money in Saturday’s long round.

Reese Cates of Monticello, Arkansas was fourth with 84.5 points on Night Hawk of Wentz Bucking Bulls.

Stanfield’s Cody Ford scored on both nights, and it was his 83 on Wolverine of Mann Creek Buck N Bulls that earned him fifth place and \$1,571.

The highest scoring bull was Wentz’s Long Haired Outlaw. He was drawn twice and put up scores of 46 and 43.5 while bucking both riders.