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Sports shorts

Fingers lost in fireworks accidents

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

(AP) — Tampa Bay

Buccaneers

cornerback

C.J. Wilson

and New

York Giants

defensive

end Jason

Pierre-Paul both

lost fingers after fireworks

accidents on July 4.

ESPN first reported that

Pierre-Paul had his right

index finger amputated

on Wednesday, based on

medical records obtained

by the network. Pierre-Paul,

26, is not under contract

with the Giants since he

has not signed the one-year

franchise tender offered by

the team. He has until July

15 to do so, and the team

could rescind it at any time

until he does.

Pierre-Paul was coming

off one of his best seasons a

professional in which he had

77 tackles and 12.5 sacks.

Wilson's father told a

Charlotte television station

that his son lost two fingers

when an explosive he was

near exploded inside its

canister. Wilson was an

undrafted free agent who has

appeared in four games over

two seasons.



In this Aug. 7, 2014 file photo, the Washington logo is seen on the field before an NFL football preseason game in Landover, Md.

AP Photo/Alex Brandon



NFL

Washington loses trademark battle

Team won't have to change name

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — For the first time in a legal battle

that has stretched over 20 years, a federal judge on Wednesday ordered the cancellation of the Washington football team's trademark registration, ruling that the team name may be disparaging to Native Americans.

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PENDLETON

Landingham wins Cody

Pendleton bareback rider R.C. Landingham goes for 87 points on C5 Rodeo's Make Up Face to win the Cody Stampede held July 1-4 in Cody, Wyoming.

Andy Watson photo courtesy of PRCA



Clippers keep Jordan with last-second effort

DALLAS (AP) — A

person with knowledge of

the situation says Mavericks

owner Mark Cuban has

given up hope that free-agent

center DeAndre Jordan will

come to Dallas.

After a Los Angeles

Clippers contingent

traveled to Houston to try

to convince Jordan to

stay with his original team,

the person said Cuban had

begun telling members of his

organization that Jordan was

renewing a deal with the

Mavericks.

The person spoke

Wednesday night on

condition of anonymity

because of the NBA's ban

on public comments before

players can sign contracts,

starting at 12:01 a.m. Eastern

time Thursday.

Jordan agreed to a

four-year, \$80 million deal

with Dallas last Friday. Los

Angeles can offer a fifth year.

"Nobody wants to get in because someone else got injured. It's a horrible way to get in, I guess, but I'm very happy I'm in the field."

— Russell Knox

Professional golfer who

will replace defending

champion Rory McIlroy

in the British Open. McIlroy

announced Wednesday

that he would

withdraw to continue

rehabilitation efforts on

his injured ankle, which

he hurt playing soccer.

McIlroy said he's ahead

of schedule, but wants

to make sure he's 100

percent before playing

in a tournament.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1887 — Charles

Comiskey of the St. Louis

Browns becomes the first

major leaguer to be paid for

a product endorsement. The

first baseman and manager is

the spokesman for Menell's

Penetrating Oil.

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Bareback rider moves up to 10th in PRCA

PRCA Media

CODY, Wyo. — The 2015 winter run for bareback rider R.C. Landingham was forgettable.

The Pendleton cowboy suffered a severe rib injury at the Southwestern Stock Show Exposition in Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 2 and was out of action until April 8.

Landingham, however, has made up for lost time with strong performances, like the one he delivered at the Cody Stampede, July 1-4.

Landingham had an 87-point ride on C5 Rodeo's Make Up Face to capture his first career title at the Cody Stampede.

"I've seen that horse a few times," said Landingham, 24. "I've seen guys be a lot of points on him, and I've seen a lot of guys get bucked off of him. I wasn't really sure what to expect, but he left there kind of hard and electric and had a lot of kick. He was kind of fast, but really good in the air, and I just pretty much had to keep setting my feet. About six seconds in he gave me a little bit of whiplash, but it still

ended up being a pretty good ride."

Landingham recorded his winning ride July 2 and collected a \$10,667 check for his effort. Newly crowned National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Champion Tim O'Connell was second with an 86-point ride on Frontier Rodeo's champion bucking horse Full Baggage.

"I knew I was going to be a lot of points, up there near the top," Landingham said. "I've never even won a check at Cody. Coming into the month of April, I only had six rodeos and I've been going to as many as I can to try and catch up to everybody. This win at Cody will help me move up in the standings and give me a lot more hope to make the NFR."

Landingham moved from 16th to 10th in the July 6 Windham Weaponry High Performance PRCA World Standings. Landingham also had several other solid outings over Cowboy Christmas.

The last two seasons Landingham has just missed qualifying for the Wrangler National Finals

Rodeo in Las Vegas, finishing 16th in 2013 and 2014.

"Basically, the only reason I haven't made it (the WNFR) is because of injuries (the last two years)," said Landingham, who is chasing his inaugural WNFR bid. "I hurt my back (in 2013) and last year in September I hurt my neck. I'm just trying to stay healthy, and it would be awesome if I could get (to the WNFR) this year, especially with all the money they have added. I know I feel like I'm riding better than I ever have."

Other winners at the \$348,402 rodeo were all-around cowboy Trevor Brazile (\$11,369 in tie-down roping and team roping), steer wrestler Clayton Moore (3.9 seconds), team ropers Aaron Tsinigine and Ryan Motes (4.2 seconds), saddle bronc rider Chuck Schmidt (87 points on Frontier Rodeo's Tip Off), tie-down roper Cimarron Boardman (8.1 seconds), barrel racer Jill Welsh (16.91 seconds) and bull rider Brett Stall (87 points on Frontier Rodeo's Flash Boy).

MLB

Marte's first homer leads Tigers past M's

Trumbo paces Seattle with three hits

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jeffrey Marte has played more than 700 baseball games in his professional career, but the one game he played Wednesday was all that mattered.

Marte, in his first big league start after bouncing around eight years in the minor leagues, got an RBI double for his first hit in the majors and added a solo home run that sent the Detroit Tigers over the Seattle Mariners 5-4.

"So excited. My first career homer in big leagues. Man," the 24-year-old Dominican said. "I give the ball to my wife, my parents."

Marte made his big league debut last Sunday and had struck out in his only at-bat. The 24-year-old played first base while the Tigers are minus



Seattle Mariners' Brad Miller steals third base during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers, Wednesday, July 8, 2015, in Seattle.

injured Miguel Cabrera.

Making his first start, Marte doubled during a three-run second and scored later in the inning.

Marte homered in the fourth against J.A. Happ (4-6) to make it 4-2.

"No doubt, it's a great feeling

for him," Tigers teammate Victor Martinez. "Your first hit, your first home run, everything you do first is pretty neat."

Marte was first signed in 2007 by the Mets but never advanced past Double-A. The Tigers signed

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PENDLETON

All-stars stopped in final

La Grande takes 9/10 district baseball title over Pendleton

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — A nearly flawless performance on the mound and a perfect defense to back it up lifted the La Grande 9/10-year-old all-stars past Pendleton 13-2 in the Little League District 3 baseball championship on Wednesday at Pioneer Park.

La Grande's starting pitcher went the entire four innings and finished with five strikeouts and no walks, and the defense had no errors to limit Pendleton's chances.

Pendleton was able to total five hits, but couldn't get on the scoreboard until La Grande led 5-0 in the third inning. La Grande added eight runs in the fourth inning to bring the 10-run rule into effect.

It was Pendleton's first loss of the tournament.

Andrew Demianew led Pendleton at the plate by going 2 for 2, and Jack Lieuallen had the team's only RBI. Demianew and Luke Bensching (1 for 1) each scored runs. Levi Herman also was 1 for 1.

Pendleton used three pitchers in the game, and they combined to issue eight walks and nine earned runs off seven hits.

PENDLETON

D-Jaxx frustrated by loss

Roe's big day not enough for Pendleton club

East Oregonian

CENTRALIA, Wash. — A controversial balk gave the FCA Titans 16U baseball squad an 8-7 victory over the Pepsi DiamondJaxx on Wednesday at the college exposure tournament in Centralia.

Coach Travis Zander said the team did a great job keeping its composure during a game when officiating came into question often.

"It was extremely hard to deal with," he said. "I've never seen anything like it. I'm not one to complain, but it was horrific."

The DiamondJaxx led 7-4 headed into the seventh inning and were paced by the 3-for-4 afternoon of Devon Roe, who drove in a team-high four RBIs.

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