

Sports shorts

Silver has ‘no doubt’ NBA could see female coach

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Adam Silver has “no doubt” the NBA could see a day when Becky Hammon or another woman is a head coach.



The commissioner said Wednesday he had texted and emailed with Hammon while they were in Las Vegas, where she coached the Spurs to the Summer League championship Monday night. He praised the San Antonio organization for hiring her last season as the first full-time female assistant in the NBA and putting her in charge of its entry in the Vegas league. “No different than for me in coming up in my career, unless you’re given those opportunities, you’re never going to show your ability to be successful,” Silver said. “SO I’m enormously proud of her and I’m enormously proud of the players.”

LeBron James’ company scores TV, movie deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James is setting his sights beyond the basketball court.

The NBA star and his company, SpringHill Entertainment, have signed a content creation deal with Warner Bros. that includes potential projects in film, television and other digital properties.

Warner Bros. Chairman and CEO Kevin Tsujihara announced the partnership Wednesday.

James says connecting with his fans and “telling meaningful stories” have always been his passion. He’s the executive producer of the Starz show “Survivor’s Remorse,” and also referenced his video project “Uninterrupted” as examples.

SpringHill Entertainment CEO Maverick Carter added that he wants the company to be a “leader in the original content-creating space.”

Beyond his basketball and producing career, James also recently appeared as himself in the Judd Apatow/Amy Schumer comedy “Trainwreck.”

“We need Tiger Woods. Why? He’s a man of color. We need a black champion. Go to Africa, where we’ve got all these young black kids used to seeing a white guy as the champion. Now they’re getting inspired.

— Gary Player
Speaking about the need to spread golf globally and Woods’ role in that.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1921 — At the annual Harvard-Yale vs. Cambridge-Oxford meet at Harvard Stadium, Harvard’s Edward Gourdin becomes the first to long jump 25 feet. Harvard lists Gourdin’s jump as 25 feet, 3 inches, but the official listing in U.S. Track and Field is 25-2.
1960 — Betsy Rawls becomes the first woman to win the U.S. Women’s Open golf title four times.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Jamaica stuns U.S. in Gold Cup semis

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ATLANTA (AP) — The United States had everything on its side. History. A raucous home crowd. And, supposedly, the better team. None of it prevented Jamaica from handing the Americans their biggest upset defeat. The Reggae Boyz stunned the U.S. with a pair of first-half goals, one off a blunder by goalkeeper Brad Guzan, and held on for a 2-1 victory in the CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinals Wednesday night. Instead of heading on to an expected berth in Sunday’s title game at Philadelphia, the American will play a day earlier for third place following their first home loss to a Caribbean nation since a 1969 defeat to Haiti. “Obviously the team is disappointed. The fans are disappointed,” U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. “We wanted to play in the big final Sunday.” Darren Mattocks, who plays for the Vancouver Whitecaps in Major League Soccer, put Jamaica ahead with a 31st-minute header directly off a throw-in. Houston Dynamo’s Giles Barnes followed five minutes later with a goal on an 18-yard free kick after Guzan was caught outside the penalty area on a routine throw.



See SOCCER/2B



Jamaica’s Rudolph Austin, facing camera, celebrates with teammates Joel McAnuff, left, and Je-Vaughn Watson, right, as United States’ DeAndre Yedlin walks off the pitch after Jamaica defeated the United States 2-1 in a CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal Wednesday in Atlanta.

PENDLETON



The Pendleton 9/10 team won their semi-final match and will now play for the state title. They defeated Southeast Portland 6-3 Wednesday to earn a spot in the championship game.

Photo submitted by Jeanine Youncs

9/10s will play for state title

East Oregonian

After losing its second game of the state tournament, the Pendleton 9/10-year-old softball team has come all the way through the loser’s bracket to earn a spot in the state championship game in Gresham. Pendleton pounded out 13 hits in its 6-3 semi-final win over Southeast Portland on Wednesday, led by two hits from Kylie Sellers, Sauren Garton, Jaden Samp and Ellie Samford. Garton tripled and Samp doubled for the Bucks.

In the circle, Garton didn’t need much help. She tossed a complete game while allowing three runs, two of which were earned on just four hits while striking out seven and earning the win. Pendleton jumped to a quick 2-0 lead in the first behind an RBI double from Samp and an RBI single from Sellers. The Bucks got two more in the second when Sauren plated Charlie Mae Franklin and Faith Broadfoot’s theft of home plate. After Southeast Portland got a couple to cut Pendleton’s lead in half, but

Pendleton plated one in the fifth and one in the sixth, highlighted by an RBI single from Allison Galloway. Southeast Portland added an inconsequential run in the home sixth, and threatened to get more. But Garton had seen enough and fanned the final batter to clinch Pendleton’s spot in the final. Pendleton plays the first of potentially two championship games today at 6 p.m. Pendleton must win to stay alive and force the de facto championship game that will take place on Friday.

HERMISTON

Locals shine at youth golf tourney

East Oregonian

A couple local youth golfers walked away with some hardware after the City of Hermiston Junior Golf Tournament on Wednesday at the par 72, nine-hole Echo Hills Golf Course. In the 6 through 9 year-old division, 8-year-old Colby Lerten ran away with the title, shooting a nine-hole score of 39. He beat runner-up Wyatt Browne by seven strokes and third-place finisher Brayden Lacey by 18 strokes. In the 10-13 year-old division, it was decidedly more tightly contested. Payton Gadsten shot 51 in nine holes, edging runner-ups Cody Adams and Keeler Lawson by a single stroke. Winners received a set of Dunlap drivers. Course pro Jason Speer said most of the participants partook in the junior golf clinics that ran during June and July, and the tournament was a “culmination of what they learned.”

MLB

Castellanos’ grand slam lifts Tigers over M’s

DETROIT (AP) — Nick Castellanos hit a grand slam off the brick facade in left-center field, part of an eight-run third inning for the Detroit Tigers in their 9-4 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night. Anibal Sanchez (10-7) won his seventh straight decision, and Ian Kinsler had four hits for the Tigers, who rebounded from an ugly 11-9 loss the previous night. Detroit entered the night four games behind the American League’s second wild card. With the trade deadline approaching, it’s not clear what the next week or so has in store for the Tigers, but every win helps their postseason chances. Nelson Cruz homered twice for Seattle. Mike Montgomery (4-4) allowed six earned runs and six hits in 2 2-3 innings. The Mariners did make it close enough to force Detroit to use closer Joakim Soria, who got four outs for his 22nd save in 25 chances. Detroit opened the scoring in the third when Seattle third baseman Kyle Seager threw the ball away on Kinsler’s infield single. The error allowed Rajai Davis, who began the play on first, to come around and score.



With the bases loaded, Castellanos sent a drive off the brick wall that displays retired numbers in left-center. He almost hit Al Kaline’s No. 6, and the homer was measured at 447 feet by MLB.com. Jose Iglesias made it 6-0 with an RBI double, and Seager committed another error on Davis’ line drive, allowing a run to score. Montgomery was taken out after that, and Kinsler’s double made it 8-0. Montgomery allowed five walks with two strikeouts. Sanchez had some shaky moments as well, but only after the Tigers had given him a big lead to work with. Cruz’s two-run homer in the fourth went 437 feet, landing about halfway up the seating area in left. His solo shot in the fourth made it 8-4 and gave him 24 home runs on the season. It’s been a big week for long home runs at Comerica Park. Cruz hit one 455 feet on Tuesday, and J.D. Martinez hit a 467-footer in the same game. Cruz had three hits Wednesday, and he came up in the seventh with two on and two out. Alex Wilson relieved Sanchez and struck out the Seattle slugger.



Detroit Tigers’ Jeffry Marte dives at home plate to score from first base on a double by Jose Iglesias during the third inning Wednesday in Detroit.

Sanchez allowed four runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out six and walked two. On Tuesday, Detroit reliever Neftali Feliz allowed five runs in the eighth, squandering a two-run lead. On Wednesday, when the Mariners had two on with two out in the eighth, the Tigers brought in Soria. He got Brad Miller on a weak groundout. Victor Martinez made it 9-4 with an RBI single in the bottom of the

inning, and Soria finished for his 200th career save. **TRAINER’S ROOM** Mariners: Manager Lloyd McClendon said he expects to give C Mike Zunino a day off Thursday, and that he’s concerned about Zunino’s workload. Zunino has played in 87 of Seattle’s 95 games in 2015. Tigers: Iglesias hadn’t been feeling well and sat out Tuesday’s game, but he played Wednesday and had two hits.