

Sports shorts

Women’s National Team adds Brazil to victory tour

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The U.S. women’s national team has added a match against Brazil to its World Cup victory tour.



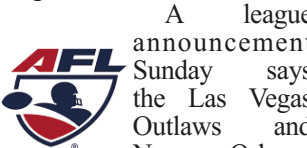
Officials in Orlando announced Monday that the reigning champions will face the Brazilians in a friendly Oct. 25 at Citrus Bowl stadium. It is the latest addition for a 10-game tour following the World Cup.

The Americans will open the tour Aug. 16 against Costa Rica at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. There are also matches set for Chattanooga, Tennessee; Detroit and Birmingham, Alabama.

The U.S. team defeated Brazil in a November 2013 friendly at the Citrus Bowl. The stadium was also the training base for the U.S. team for both the 1995 and 1999 World Cups and 1996 Olympics.

AFL loses two, as Las Vegas & New Orleans fold

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Arena Football League has folded franchises in Las Vegas and New Orleans.



A league announcement Sunday says the Las Vegas Outlaws and New Orleans VooDoo organizations had ceased operations immediately. The decision leaves the league with 10 teams.

The league board removed the Las Vegas team from postseason play after a 5-12-1 season, and moved the 5-13-0 Portland Thunder into the playoffs against the 17-1-0 San Jose Sabercats on Friday. New Orleans went 3-14-1.

The league says Las Vegas and New Orleans players under continuing contracts with either team would be reassigned during the offseason.

“Sometimes its better to walk away when you hear that voice talking to you, then to wait and they push you out the door.”

— Steve Smith
Baltimore Ravens wide receiver posted this statement on his Twitter account after announcing that 2015 would be his last season in the NFL. Smith, a 15-year veteran, currently ranks 14th all-time with 13,262 receiving yards and 33rd all-time with 73 touchdown catches.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1974 — Lee Trevino beats Jack Nicklaus by one stroke to capture the PGA Championship.

1995 — Michael Johnson wins the 200 meters in 19.79 seconds in the World Track & Field Championships to become the first runner to capture the 200 and 400 meters in a major championship.

2008 — In Beijing, Michael Phelps gets his second gold medal — thanks to a late comeback in the 400-meter freestyle relay by Jason Lezak, who lunges to the wall just ahead of the French anchor. The U.S. team’s time of 3:08.24 shatters its world record of 3:12.23 set the night before in preliminaries.

DUCKS FOOTBALL

Camp starts without a starting QB



Andy Nelson/The Register-Guard via AP

Oregon quarterback Jeff Lockie answers questions from the press during Media Day at Autzen Stadium in Eugene on Monday. The Ducks started their fall camp Monday and will open their season Sept. 5.

Lockie hopes to emerge for Ducks with EWU transfer Vernon Adams still absent

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon opened fall camp with ongoing uncertainty about who will replace Marcus Mariota as starting quarterback.

Jeff Lockie was the backup last season, but saw little playing time as Mariota led Oregon to the championship game of college football’s first playoffs. Now, Lockie is the top player in camp to succeed Mariota — at least until the anticipated arrival of former Eastern Washington star Vernon Adams.

Adams is supposed to join the Ducks as soon as he finishes the last course he needs to graduate. The fifth-year senior can’t play for the Ducks until he’s got a diploma.

He was supposed to arrive in June, but that

was pushed back. As the Ducks opened practice on Monday, Adams was still a few days away from completing a final math class. He may join the Ducks this week.

Lockie, meanwhile, was making the most of the extra time to make his case, especially when it comes to leading a team he already knows well.

“The main thing I’ve been focused on is improving myself and doing all the natural leadership things that I can do,” he said.

In 19 career games, Lockie has completed 29 of 41 passes for 264

See DUCKS/2B

Ducks RB to miss season with shoulder injury

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon running back Thomas Tyner is out for fall camp and is expected to miss the season after shoulder surgery.

Coach Mark Helfrich confirmed that Tyner would not take part in fall camp, which opened on Monday. Oregon does not announce injuries as a policy.

But players confirmed that Tyner had surgery on his left shoulder and his return this season was doubtful.

Tyner appeared in 11 games last season, gaining 573 yards and scoring five touchdowns, primarily serving as backup to breakout freshman Royce Freeman while he struggled with injuries.

The 5-foot-11, 215-pound Oregon native was originally injured in the Ducks’ victory over Washington on Oct. 18. He missed the next game, and also sat out the regular season finale against rival Oregon State and the Pac-12 championship game against Arizona.

But he rebounded with a commanding performance in the Rose Bowl, rushing for

See INJURY/2B

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Pac-12 loaded with talent in 2015

Ducks, Trojans picked to win respective divisions

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When Gary Andersen left Big Ten powerhouse Wisconsin for Oregon State and the Pac-12 last December, the veteran coach made a move that would have been unthinkable — or at least a bit illogical — just a few seasons ago.

Andersen knew exactly where he was going and what he was doing.

It’s not because the Big Ten is declining, he said. The Pac-12 is on the rise, and it just might be the peak of college football this fall.

“I absolutely have felt a huge swing in the last two years, and that’s me being in the Midwest for two years, that the Pac-12 has gained a ton of respect nationally,”



AP Photo/Don Ryan, File

Oregon State coach Gary Anderson walks onto the field with the orange squad before their spring game in Corvallis in April.

said Andersen, the league’s only new coach this year. “The Pac-12 has gotten better and better and

better.”
Indeed, the West Coast’s premier conference is stacked with

elite talent in wealthy programs committed to contending for
See PAC-12/2B

Ninth-inning rally falls short for Mariners



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners’ third baseman Kyle Seager flips his bat after striking out with a pair of runners on base to end the eighth inning against the Baltimore Orioles Monday in Seattle.

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Chris Davis hit a go-ahead single and his 30th home run, and the Baltimore Orioles pulled within two games of the second wild-card spot in the American League with a 3-2 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

Adam Jones launched his 18th homer in the first inning off Seattle starter Vidal Nuno (0-1) and scored on Davis’ base hit in the fourth. Davis then hit a line drive out to center field off reliever Mayckol Guaepe in the sixth that landed in nearly the same spot as Jones’ shot.

Davis reached 30 homers for the third time in four years. He led the majors with 53 in 2013.

Seattle slugger Nelson Cruz extended his hitting streak to a career-high 20 games with an opposite-field single leading off the fourth. His streak of nine straight games with an extra-base hit came to an end.

Wei-Yin Chen (6-6) won for the second time since July 1, pitching into the eighth inning as the Orioles inched closer to the Los Angeles Angels in the race for the second wild card.

Chen allowed only Franklin Guti-

errez’s home run leading off the second inning that barely eluded the leap of Junior Lake in left field. It was Gutierrez’s fifth homer of the season, but all Seattle could do against Chen.

The lefty gave up just three hits. He struck out five and retired 13 of his final 14 batters.

Mark Trumbo walked on a 3-2 pitch with one out in the eighth, Chen’s last hitter. Kyle Seager, who doubled in the first inning, was the only batter other than Gutierrez to reach second base against Chen.

Zach Britton got five outs for his 24th straight save, but it wasn’t simple. He gave up a two-out double to Gutierrez in the ninth and, after a wild pitch, Gutierrez scored when catcher Caleb Joseph missed Austin Jackson’s swinging third strike. Jackson was safe at first, but Britton rebounded and fanned Jesus Montero for the final out.

UP NEXT

Orioles: One-time Seattle prospect Chris Tillman (8-7) looks to win his seventh straight decision. Tillman last lost on May 31. Since then he is 6-0 with four no-decisions.

Mariners: Taijuan Walker (8-7) goes for his ninth win. Seattle manager Lloyd McClendon said he’s starting to get worried about the number of innings Walker is projected to throw this season.

