

BRIEFLY

First meeting for Hermiston Linebacker Club

The football season is upon us, which means time for the Hermiston Linebacker Club to begin its meetings. The Club announced its first meeting will be a luncheon on Sept. 3 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Desert Lanes Bowling Alley in Hermiston. Head football coach David Faateete will be the special guest for the meeting, and will talk about the Bulldogs' upcoming season. The cost for the luncheon will be \$12 for club members and \$14 for non-members. To RSVP call 541-567-5215. The deadline to solidify a spot for the event is 3 p.m. on Sept. 2.

ADAMS:

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about Oregon's quarterback group. Last season Adams threw for 3,483 yards and 35 touchdowns, and was runner up for the Walter Payton Award as FCS player of the year for the second straight season. He grabbed attention with memorable games against the Pac-12: He passed for 411 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 107 yards and two TDs in a 2013 win at Oregon State, and he threw for 475 yards and seven touchdowns in a 59-52 loss at Washington last season. He declared his intention to transfer to Oregon for his final season of eligibility in February. Also listed as a starter on the Ducks' depth chart is fellow senior transfer Matt Hegarty, who comes to the Ducks from Notre Dame and will play at center for Adams. Dwayne Stanford, Charles Nelson and Byron Marshall were listed as starters at receiver for the Ducks, while sophomore Royce Freeman topped the running backs. Oregon ended fall camp with a scrimmage on Thursday and released the depth chart on Friday.

MOUTAINEERS: Camp hopes to carry over passion from end of 2014

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Bartlow leading an offense that racked up 578 yards in the teams' last meeting. Bartlow, who led the country in passing efficiency for seven weeks last season, passed for 324 yards in that game with one touchdown and one interception. He also ran for 61 yards and a score. Billingsley, EOU's all-time leader in receptions, caught nine passes for 156 yards and a touchdown, and added 140 yards on the ground with two more scores. One area that remains a question mark for the Mountaineers is on the offensive line, where four new starters will be making their debut on Saturday. Camp said one to watch is right tackle Mick Wilson, a sophomore from Council, Idaho. The 6-foot-5, 220-pound converted quarterback has done nothing but impress since earning a starting role. Eastern finished the 2014 campaign with four straight wins, including a season-ending victory over No. 4 Southern Oregon.

Camp said carrying that passion over to this season is the key to a fast start on Saturday. "I think that sometimes you get caught up in winning and losing all the time but the one thing that we really tried to emphasize in the spring was to go out and have fun and play the game with passion," he said. Live statistics of Saturday's game can be followed online at <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/yoteathletics.com>. Live pay-per-view video can be watched at the same website at a cost of \$7.95.

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NASCAR

Stewart denies intent behind deadly crash

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NASCAR star Tony Stewart said he didn't see a driver walking on a dirt track in upstate New York last year before he struck and killed him, and noted the racer was impaired by marijuana and shouldn't have been outside his car, according to court papers filed Friday.

Kevin Ward Jr.'s family filed a lawsuit this month that accused Stewart of gross negligence, saying he gunned his engine and put his car into a skid as the 20-year-old Ward walked on the track after a crash at Canandaigua Motorsports Park on Aug. 9, 2014. Stewart's attorney, Brian Gwitt, argued in an answer to the Wards' lawsuit that the racing star didn't see

the crash Ward had been involved in and didn't realize anyone was standing on the track. "Stewart was not aware that anyone had exited their vehicle," Gwitt wrote, adding that his client "did not see Ward, Jr. or anyone else walking on foot on the track until just prior to contact, and did not know the identity of the person walking on the track until

afterward." Gwitt claims Ward's death was caused by his own decision to exit his car and walk along the track while the race was still going on. The court filing says a toxicology report showed Ward had smoked marijuana within five hours of the competition, a violation of the race's rules and regulations, which "impaired him."

Ward's parents, Kevin and Pamela Ward, are seeking unspecified monetary damages, in their suit, which claims wrongful death, reckless conduct, gross negligence and their son's terror and suffering. The lawsuit notes Stewart's reputation for having a temper and claims that Stewart deliberately veered toward Ward after the collision.

GM: Seven years without playoffs was final straw

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to start asking myself and others the tough questions about what is going on here," Mather said. "Why aren't we having more success here? What's going wrong here?" Zduriencik was fired Friday after seven disappointing seasons where the club failed to end its playoff drought under his watch. Zduriencik came to Seattle before the 2009 season, arriving from Milwaukee as one of the top talent evaluators in baseball and with the task of rebuilding a thin farm system while putting a winning product on the field at the major league level. But Seattle missed too often both in player development through the draft and in free agency. "I really enjoyed my seven years here. There is not anything I could say in a negative vibe about anything that went on in Seattle," Zduriencik told reporters in Chicago on Friday. "It was a great experience and we'll move on."

Zduriencik was given a contract extension last August and this season was to be the culmination of his work, with the Mariners coming off an 87-win season in 2014, the addition



FILE - In this May 24, 2013, file photo, the now former Seattle Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik stands on the field prior to a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Seattle. The Mariners fired Zduriencik Friday after seven seasons at the helm.

of slugger Nelson Cruz and the expectation that the second-longest playoff drought in baseball would come to an end. Instead, baring a stunning September run, the drought dating to 2001 will continue. The floundering club began Friday 10 games under .500 and 12 games behind Houston in the AL West. Assistant general manager Jeff Kingston taking over on an interim basis. Mather said he kept waiting for this year's team to overcome its early slumps and rally its way back into

contention. He said the optimism caused him to "drag my feet" and wait too long on re-examining the state of the organization under Zduriencik. That process hit a critical juncture on Wednesday — one year after Zduriencik's extension was announced — when Mather spoke with CEO Howard Lincoln about making a change. Mather flew to Chicago on Thursday and informed Zduriencik of the decision Friday morning. "We made this decision today not on the 2015 major league club, but the 2016

2020 major league team and getting back to meaningful baseball in October," Mather said.

Mather said he would like to find a general manager with experience and not someone who needs time to learn on the job. His hope is to have a small pool of candidates by the end of the regular season and a decision made on who will take over by mid-October as to not fall behind on the upcoming offseason.

"I think we have the nucleus of a very good baseball team. The nucleus of this team should bode well for candidates," Mather said. Zduriencik was hired in part because of his drafting and development track record in Milwaukee, but only one player drafted during his Seattle tenure has developed into an All-Star: third baseman Kyle Seager. Three times Seattle had top-five draft selections with Zduriencik in charge, but none of those players — Danny Hultzen, Dustin Ackley and Mike Zunino — developed into solid contributors in the majors. Seattle did land Robinson Cano and Cruz in free agency the past two seasons, but Zduriencik's had too many misses in free agency and via trades. Seattle struggled

to recover from the signing of Chone Figgins and trades for Cliff Lee, Jesus Montero and Milton Bradley failed, creating even more discontent among fans.

Seattle had just two winning seasons during Zduriencik's tenure. There was also a lack of continuity between Zduriencik and his managers. Zduriencik hired Don Wakamatsu as his first manager in 2009, but he was fired during the 2010 season. Eric Wedge was hired before the 2011 season, but chose not to return after the 2013 season in part because of issues with the front office.

Current manager Lloyd McClendon is under contract through 2016. Mather said he will encourage keeping McClendon but that it will be up to the next GM to decide who Seattle's field manager will be in 2016. "I think Lloyd has done a very good job, I think his coaching staff has done a very good job and I am certainly going to as I narrow in on candidates get their opinion of our manager and coaching staff and encourage them because to keep them because quite frankly I think they've done a tremendous job," Mather said. "But it's clearly the general manager's decision."

MARINERS: Cruz goes 0 for 5 as on-base streak comes to end

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Danks (6-12). Two batters later, Gutierrez drove his homer to left, giving Seattle a 2-0 lead. Danks scattered seven hits over six innings, struck out five and took his third loss in his last four outings. Chicago, which finished with four hits, loaded the bases with one

out in the seventh after Walker left the game when LaRoche walked and Alexei Ramirez singled. But Carson Smith, who relieved Walker and pitched two scoreless innings, got pinch-hitter J.B. Shuck to ground into an inning-ending double play. Mariners right fielder Nelson Cruz, who entered the game having reached base in a career-high 37 straight games, saw that streak end

after going 0 for 5. **TRAINER'S ROOM** Mariners: Seager returned to the lineup after being given a day off to rest in Thursday's series opener. LHP James Paxton (strained left middle finger) was scheduled to make a rehab start at Triple-A Tacoma on Friday. Paxton has been sidelined since the end of May. Struggling C Mike Zunino was

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SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sep. 3
 Mac-Hi at Waitsburg-Prescott (WA), 7 p.m.
Friday, Sep. 4
 Summit at Pendleton, 3:30 p.m.
 Hanford (WA) at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
 Umatilla at Union, 7 p.m.
 Riverside at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
 Heppner vs. Imbler (at EOU), 7 p.m.
 Grant Union at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.
 Stanfield at Enterprise, 7 p.m.
 South Wasco at Echo, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 5
 lone vs. Triad (at Dufur), 4 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Umatilla at Hermiston, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, Sep. 1
 Pendleton at Lewiston (ID), 4 p.m.
 La Grande at Riverside, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sep. 3
 Mac-Hi at Estacada, 3 p.m.
 Milwaukie at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 5
 La Grande at Hermiston, Noon
 Culver at Irrigon, 1:30 p.m.
 Riverside at Umatilla, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Umatilla at Hermiston, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Sep. 1
 Mac-Hi at The Dalles, 4 p.m.
 Hermiston at Grant, 4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sep. 3
 Estacada at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.
 Pendleton at Milwaukie, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 5
 Riverside at La Grande, 1 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Pilot Rock, Heppner, Weston-McEwen at Grant Union tournament, 8 a.m.
 Pendleton at Lewiston (ID) tournament, 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Sep. 1
 Weston-McEwen at Umatilla, 4 p.m.
 Echo at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.
 Pendleton at Baker, 6:30 p.m.
 La Grande at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sep. 3
 Riverside at Helix, 4 p.m.
 lone at Irrigon, 5 p.m.
 Nixyaavii at Pendleton JV2, 5 p.m.
 Mac-Hi vs. Riverside (at Helix), 5:30 p.m.
 Mac-Hi at Helix, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sep. 4
 Hermiston vs. TBD at Mountain View Tournament, 8 a.m.
 Stanfield at Echo, 10 a.m.
 South Wasco at Stanfield, 1 p.m.
 Union at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
 South Wasco at Echo, 5 p.m.
 Wallowa at lone, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 5
 Heppner vs. TBD at Southridge Tournament, 8 a.m.
 Hermiston vs. TBD at Mountain View Tournament, 8 a.m.
 Pilot Rock vs. TBD (Neah-Kah-Nie Tournament), 8 a.m.
 Enterprise at Heppner (Heppner Tournament), 9 a.m.
 Weston-McEwen vs. TBD (Heppner Tournament), 9 a.m.
 Elgin at Riverside (Riverside Tournament), 10 a.m.
 Irrigon vs. TBD (Riverside Tournament), 10 a.m.
 Helix vs. TBD (Riverside Tournament), 10 a.m.
 Echo vs. TBD (Riverside Tournament), 10 a.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sep. 5
 Hermiston, Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Helix, Heppner, Stanfield, Umatilla, Weston-McE-

wen at Runner Soul XC Fest (Hermiston), 11 a.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, Noon
Saturday, Sept. 5
 Eastern Oregon at Sacramento State, 6:05 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Sierra Nevada at Eastern Oregon, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sep. 1
 Eastern Oregon vs. Multnomah (at Hermiston), 7 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Sierra Nevada at Eastern Oregon, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sep. 1
 Eastern Oregon at Menlo College, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sep. 2
 Eastern Oregon at Sierra Nevada, 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Eastern Oregon vs. Rocky Mountain/Vanguard at Big Sky Invitational (Helena, Mont.), 8 a.m./Noon
 Blue Mountain vs. Spokane at Cheme-keta Pre-Season Tournament (Salem), 11 a.m.
Thursday, Sep. 3
 Blue Mountain vs. Clark (at Walls Walla), 2 p.m.
 Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, 7 p.m. (MT)
Friday, Sep. 4
 Blue Mountain at Spokane Invite, TBD
Saturday, Sep. 5
 Blue Mountain at Spokane Invite, TBD

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 29
 Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho dual, TBD

Baseball

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	57	.555	—
Washington	64	63	.504	6½
Atlanta	54	74	.422	17
Miami	52	77	.403	19½
Philadelphia	51	78	.395	20½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	82	46	.641	—
Pittsburgh	78	49	.614	3½
Chicago	73	54	.575	8½
Milwaukee	54	74	.422	28
Cincinnati	52	75	.409	29½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	71	56	.559	—
San Francisco	69	59	.539	2½
Arizona	63	65	.492	8½
San Diego	62	66	.484	9½
Colorado	51	75	.405	19½

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 3
 Miami 4, Washington 3
 Philadelphia 7, San Diego 1
 Boston 6, N.Y. Mets 4, 10 innings
 N.Y. Yankees 15, Atlanta 4
 Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 0
 Arizona 6, Oakland 4
 L.A. Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 1
 San Francisco 5, St. Louis 4

Saturday's Games
 Boston (J.Kelly 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (de-Grom 12-6), 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Lynn 10-8) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 9-9), 1:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Rusin 4-6) at Pittsburgh (Happ

2-1), 4:05 p.m.
 Miami (Koehler 8-12) at Washington (Zimmermann 10-8), 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Rea 2-1) at Philadelphia (Morgan 4-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Sampson 2-2) at Milwaukee (Garza 6-14), 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Severino 1-2) at Atlanta (Wisler 5-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Doubtront 1-1) at Arizona (Chacin 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Lester 8-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Latos 4-9), 6:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Boston at N.Y. Mets, 10:10 a.m.
 Colorado at Pittsburgh, 10:35 a.m.
 Miami at Washington, 10:35 a.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta, 10:35 a.m.
 San Diego at Philadelphia, 10:35 a.m.
 Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 11:10 a.m.
 St. Louis at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Arizona, 1:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, 5:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Miami at Atlanta, 4:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 5:05 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 5:15 p.m.
 Arizona at Colorado, 5:40 p.m.
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 7:10 p.m.
 Texas at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.

American League East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	72	56	.563	—
New York	70	57	.551	1½
Baltimore	63	65	.492	9
Tampa Bay	63	65	.492	9
Boston	59	69	.461	13

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	79	49	.617	—
Minnesota	66	62	.516	13
Cleveland	61	66	.480	17½
Chicago	60	67	.472	18½
Detroit	60	68	.469	19

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	71	58	.550	—
Texas	66	61	.520	4
Los Angeles	65	63	.508	5
Seattle	60	69	.465	11
Oakland	55	74	.426	16

Friday's Games
 Toronto 5, Detroit 3
 Boston 6, N.Y. Mets 4, 10 innings
 Kansas City 3, Tampa Bay 2
 Cleveland 3, L.A. Angels 1
 N.Y. Yankees 15, Atlanta 4
 Texas 4, Baltimore 1
 Minnesota 3, Houston 0
 Seattle 2, Chicago White Sox 0
 Arizona 6, Oakland 4

Saturday's Games
 Detroit (Farmer 0-2) at Toronto (Hutchinson 12-2), 10:07 a.m.
 Boston (LKelly 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (de-Grom 12-6), 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Medlen 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6), 3:10 p.m.
 Houston (Fiers 1-0) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 6-7), 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Richards 12-10) at Cleveland (Kluber 8-13), 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Severino 1-2) at Atlanta (Wisler 5-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Iwakuma 5-3) at Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 8-10), 4:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (UJimenez 9-8) at Texas (M.Perez 1-3), 5:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Doubtront 1-1) at Arizona (Chacin 0-1), 5:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Detroit at Toronto, 10:07 a.m.
 Boston at N.Y. Mets, 10:10 a.m.
 Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 10:10 a.m.
 L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 10:10 a.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta, 10:35 a.m.
 Houston at Minnesota, 11:10 a.m.
 Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 11:10 a.m.
 Baltimore at Texas, 12:05 p.m.

Oakland at Arizona, 1:10 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 4:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Houston, 5:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 7:05 p.m.
 Texas at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.

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Northwest League North Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Everett (Mariners)	18	12	600
Vancouver (Jays)	14	15	483
x-Tri-City (Padres)	13	17	433
Spokane (Rangers)	11	18	379

South Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Eugene (Cubs)	18	12	600
x-Hillsboro (D-backs)	17	13	567
Boise (Rockies)	14	16	467
Salem-Ke. (Giants)	14	16	467

x-clinched first half

Friday's Games
 Vancouver 8, Spokane 7, 10 innings, 1st game
 Hillsboro 3, Eugene 1
 Boise 5, Salem-Keizer 0
 Everett 4, Tri-City 1
 Vancouver at Spokane, (n)

Saturday's Games
 Hillsboro at Eugene, 9:05 p.m.
 Tri-City at Everett, 9:05 p.m.
 Vancouver at Spokane, 9:30 p.m.
 Boise at Salem-Keizer, 9:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.
 Hillsboro at Eugene, 7:01 p.m.
 Tri-City at Everett, 7:05 p.m.
 Boise at Salem-Keizer, 8:05 p.m.

Football

Preseason

Friday's Games
 New England 17, Carolina 16
 Kansas City 34, Tennessee 10
 Detroit 22, Jacksonville 17

Saturday's Games
 Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 4 p.m.
 Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 4 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 4 p.m.
 Chicago at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m.
 Washington at Baltimore, 4:30 p.m.
 Seattle at San Diego, 5 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Green Bay, 5 p.m.
 Indianapolis at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
 San Francisco at Denver, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Houston at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Oakland, 5 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	19	8	704
Chicago	17	11	607
Indiana	17	11	607
Washington	16	11	593
Atlanta	12	16	429
Connecticut	12	16	429

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	19	10	655
x-Phoenix	17	12	586
L.A. Sparks	14	14	500
Los Angeles	11	18	379
Seattle	8	20	286
San Antonio	7	22	241

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Games
 Washington 71, Phoenix 63

Atlanta 90, Indiana 84
 New York 81, Minnesota 68
 Tulsa 76, Los Angeles 66
 Seattle 83, San Antonio 69

Saturday's Games
 Chicago at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
 New York at Connecticut, 4 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Indiana at Tulsa, 1:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
 Connecticut at Chicago, 4 p.m.
 Phoenix at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
 Washington at Seattle, 6 p.m.

Golf

PGA

The Barclays

Friday's leaders
 At Plainfield Country Club
 Edison, N.J.
 Purse: \$8.25 million
 Yards: 7,012, Par: 70

Second Round

Bubba Watson	65-68	-133	-7
Henrik Stenson	68-66	-134	-6
Tony Finau	65-69	-134	-6
Zach Johnson	69-65	-134	-6
Jason Dufner	66-68	-134	-6
Jason Bohm	71-64	-135	-5
Camilo Villegas	65-70	-135	-5
Sean O'Hair	68-68	-136	-4
Ryan Palmer	69-67	-136	-4
Robert Streb	68-68	-136	-4
Sangmoon Bae	69-67	-136	-4
Jason Day	68-68	-136	-4
Hudson Swafford	69-69	-136	-4