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NHL announces deal with Adidas

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL has announced it has a seven-year deal with Adidas to produce its uniforms beginning with the 2017-'18 season.



Adidas replaces Reebok, which had previously made the NHL's sweaters.

The NHL and NHL Players' Association also announced Adidas will make jerseys for the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

Adidas recently announced a sponsorship deal with No. 1 pick Connor McDavid of the Edmonton Oilers.

On Monday, the Canadian Football League announced Adidas would be taking over from Reebok as its outfitter starting next season.

Reebok has been the NHL's supplier since 2005.

Former Blazers GM Patterson fired as Texas AD

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Steve Patterson, whose aggressive approach to raising money, rankled fans and some major donors, was dismissed Tuesday

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Patterson

because the school hadn't announced the move.

Fenves previously met several times with Patterson after complaints from fans and donors, which had reached as high as Board of Regents Chairman Paul Foster.

He has a guaranteed contract through August 2019 that pays him at least \$1.4 million per year.

Most of Patterson's career was spent as an executive in professional sports and he struggled to connect with university officials and supporters like former AD DeLoss Dodds did.

"He is the worst play-caller ever the only reason he called that dumb play yesterday is to be able to justify the one yard that wasn't called in the Superbowl."

— Delisa Lynch

The mother of Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch posting her frustrations with Seahawks offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell on her Facebook account on Sunday following Seattle's overtime loss to St. Louis in which Lynch was stopped on 4th-and-1 to seal the loss.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1955 — The formation of the United States Auto Club is completed and will oversee four major categories of auto races.

1993 — Dave Winfield of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 19th player in major league history to get 3,000 hits.

2010 — The Seattle Storm complete their undefeated march through the postseason, beating the Atlanta Dream 87-84 for a three-game sweep in the WNBA finals.

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PENDLETON ROUND-UP

Evans returns with dominant performance

Texas cowboy picks up where he left off in 2014

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PENDLETON — Day two of slack competition began Tuesday with just as much energy as day one, as competitors continued their attempts to earn their way into the 105th Pendleton Round-Up.

The steer roping slack began its second round of competition on Tuesday and ended with some familiar names heading the leaderboard.

Brodie Poppino of Big Cabin, Oklahoma and Jason



Jason Evans of Huntsville, Texas, finishes with a 14.8-second time in steer roping during slack Tuesday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Evans of Huntsville, Texas both finished in the top-six spots of Tuesday's slack, as they try to earn their way

back into the finals. Both men made it to the steer roping finals in 2014, with Evans being crowned the

champion.

Evans turned in a time of 14.8 in the second round to come in at the No. 6 spot, but leads the field in average time with 28.6 seconds on two head. Poppino scored a 12.1 second score in the second round to put himself in a tie with Vin Fisher, Jr. of Andrews, Texas.

Fisher's younger brother, J. Tom Fisher, led the field after the second round with a time of 11.9 seconds.

In team roping slack, Joel Bach of Rhome, Texas and Jim Ross Cooper of Monument, New Mexico took the field by storm with an incredible 5.3 second score to earn the \$4,049 payout—half a second faster than the second team of Trevor

Brazile of Decatur, Texas and Patrick Smith of Lipan, Texas at 5.8 seconds.

Smith has had great success recently in Pendleton, as he made the Round-Up team roping finals in 2014 as the heeler with Kaleb Driggers of Albany, Georgia.

The 2014 Round-Up champions Jake Stanley of Hermiston and Bucky Cambell of Benton City, Washington turned in a score of 6.8 seconds for ninth best from Tuesday, just missing out on a payout by one-tenth of a second.

Five of the teams from the 2014 finals failed to record a score during slack, leaving the door open for

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PBR

Kolbaba earns memorable win

Walla Walla rider tops PBR Pendleton Classic

By MATT ENTRUP
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PENDLETON — Derek Kolbaba can't remember his first U.S. Bank/Pendleton PBR Classic, but he'll certainly never forget his most recent.

In front of friends and family, the Walla Walla, Washington, bull rider brought down the house when he posted the night's highest score on the final ride in the championship round to win the buckle.

"I've been coming to this PBR since before I can remember," he said shortly after riding the bull they call RMEF Team Elk for 88.5 points and the win. "I grew up watching it and I'm just excited to be able to come here and succeed and take home the buckle."

"I've got a couple good wins under my belt and a little bit of money in my pocket, but this one dang sure means a lot here."

Kolbaba combined his championship round score with his 87.5 on Four Star Rodeo's Speculation for 176 total to bump Jay Miller out of the top spot at the two-night Professional Bull Riders (PBR).

It isn't taking the 19-year-old long to make himself a household name in Pendleton. He finished second at last year's PBR Classic, but wasn't going to let it happen again. A quick kick of his spurs just before the buzzer may have given him just enough.

"I knew that bull before, and everybody else has rode him," he said of his Jeff Robinson Bucking Bulls draw. "He's a great bull and I was just glad I was able to make due with what I had and it worked out."

"He's pretty gassy around there and I was able to hang tough with him and got a couple spur chops on him there in the end and it worked out."

Miller had just taken the lead with an 86 on Robinson's Oklahoma Bell,

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Derek Kolbaba of Walla Walla rides Speculation for 87.5 points Tuesday during the PBR Classic at the Happy Canyon Arena in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Prep Roundup

Hermiston steals late win at home

Hannah Thompson puts Bulldogs back in win column

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HERMISTON — For 78 minutes on Tuesday, Hermiston and David Douglas played to a scoreless draw. Neither team could find an advantage despite numerous attempts at the net, and with just a minute remaining, it seemed as if neither would get a goal.

But Hermiston sophomore Hannah Thompson took a long pass from the midfield and beat Scots keeper Ainsley Dolton to the far post for the only goal of the night and an improbable 1-0 win in a non-league, inter-division soccer match at Kennison Field.

"It's nice to get the win, but sometimes it's scary waiting that long," Thompson said. "We just had to know that there was still a minute left after my goal, and keep up our work to make sure they didn't score."



Hermiston's Alysia Garcia (10) and Hannah Thompson (21) battle a David Douglas player for a loose ball in the second half of Hermiston's 1-0 win Tuesday afternoon over the Scots.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee

David Douglas (1-3) had a scoring chance and a corner kick in the final minute, but the corner, coming off the shot, was cleared, giving Thompson a chance for another goal. Her shot went wide at the buzzer.

The win is Hermiston's first since beating Umatilla, 2-1, on

August 29. The Bulldogs (2-2-1) had gone 0-2-1 since that match, and the win Tuesday will help the spirits of a Bulldogs team that is bordering on beleaguered.

"They just kinda pulled it out from nowhere, really," head coach Danielle Turner said. "We

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T-Wolves sweep again

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MILWAUKIE — In another big afternoon for Blue Mountain's hitters, the Timberwolves pulled off another sweep of an NWAC opponent.

In a non-league match, BMCC defeated Clackamas in three in the teams' second meeting of the season 25-23, 25-12, 25-16. It was the ninth-straight win for BMCC (15-5) and the eighth time in the last nine matches they'd swept their opponent — only North Idaho College was able to take a set from the T-Wolves during their current run.

Like they had the day before, the T-Wolves' hitters led the way, but this time it was sophomore Keri Schwarz

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