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## Sports shorts

### New York bans daily fantasy sports

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's attorney general on Tuesday ordered the daily fantasy sports companies DraftKings and FanDuel to stop accepting bets in the state, saying their operations amount to illegal gambling.

In a pair of letters sent to the companies, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said that after a one-month investigation, his office had concluded that the daily contests promoted like a lottery are essentially games of chance, not skill.

He drew a sharp distinction between the operations of daily fantasy sports sites and traditional fantasy leagues, which he said remained legal.

Schneiderman said the daily contests are "neither harmless nor victimless" and carry the same social and economic costs of other forms of gambling.

### Luck out with lacerated kidney

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two days after celebrating their biggest win of the season, the Indianapolis Colts dealt with their biggest loss.

Franchise quarterback Andrew Luck is expected to miss at least two to six weeks with a lacerated kidney and a partially torn abdominal muscle, injuries he sustained late in Sunday's victory over Denver.

Coach Chuck Pagano said he believed Luck was injured in the first minute of the fourth quarter when he tried to scramble for a first down near the Denver goal line. Linebacker Danny Trevathan squared up on Luck from the front while defensive end Vance Walker hit Luck hard on the side of his left shoulder, bending him over awkwardly.

Luck broke the 17-17 tie on the next play with an 8-yard pass to Ahmad Bradshaw, his second TD throw of the game. He never came out and continued to take some big hits.

"It was kind of B.S. what they were doing on the defensive line. All these false starts and stuff on our offensive linemen, it wasn't on them."

— Josh Rosen

UCLA quarterback on the team's seven false start penalties in a 41-0 win over Oregon State. Rosen said the Beavers were simulating the UCLA snap count and yelling out cadences in an effort to get the offensive line to jump, which is against NCAA rules.

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1911 — Carlisle Indian School of Carlisle, Pa., led by Jim Thorpe, beats nationally ranked Harvard 18-15 before 25,000 in Cambridge, Mass. Thorpe scores all the points for Carlisle, a touchdown, extra point and four field goals.

2001 — In his sixth career start, Shaun Alexander has 266 yards rushing on 35 carries and an 88-yard touchdown run as Seattle beats AFC West-leading Oakland 34-27. It's the fourth-best rushing game in NFL history.

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## College Football

# Adams finding groove after early injury

## Oregon still clings to Pac-12 North title hopes

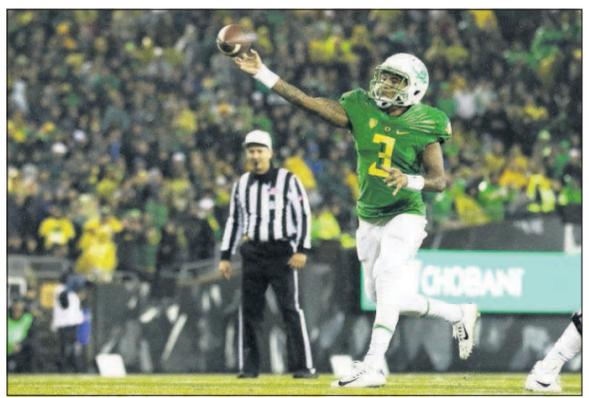
By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

EUGENE — With four touchdown passes in each of Oregon's past two games, Vernon Adams Jr. is looking like the quarterback the Ducks had anticipated before his untimely injury.

The Ducks (6-3, 4-2 Pac-12) will no doubt need him in top form on Saturday when they visit No. 7 Stanford (8-1, 7-0) in a game that could decide the Pac-12 North.

Stanford sits atop the standings but Oregon could still defend its division title with victories over the Cardinal and in the final two games of the season, combined with a Stanford loss to Cal in the Big Game. It seems unlikely, but it's still possible.

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Oregon quarterback Vernon Adams Jr. (3) throws the football during the first half of an NCAA college football game against California, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, in Eugene, Ore.

AP Photo/Ryan Kang

## CBC Football

# Mustangs edge Tigers in postseason honors



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

In this file photo, Stanfield's Tyler Monkus dives through the scrum as Heppner's Patrick Collins (67) and C.J. Kindle move in for the tackle in the Mustang's win against the Tigers on Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, in Stanfield.

## Heppner leads CBC with 19 all-league selections

### Stanfield looking loaded for next year

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The balance of power in the Columbia Basin Conference may be headed for a shift next season.

The Heppner Mustangs have enjoyed a two-decade run of dominance in Eastern Oregon football, but when the CBC coaches released their 2015 all-league selections on Monday one trend stood out among the 83 names on the first, second and honorable mention teams.

While the Mustangs, which again won the CBC title this season with an undefeated 5-0 record, earned the most first-team and overall votes,

it's runner-up Stanfield that looks poised to come back loaded next season.

The Mustangs accounted for 19 of the all-league selections, with several players honored on offense and defense, but the majority of those are seniors, with only five eligible to return to the field next season.

The Tigers, which came in second in overall selections with 18, will conceivably get nine of their all-league players back next year and should have all the major positions locked down.

Quarterback/linebacker Dylan Grogan, running back/defensive back Thylar Monkus, and offensive/defensive lineman Jose Garcia are

all juniors and were selected to first team offense and defense. Add first-teamer Noe Sanchez, second-teamer Hunter Barnes and honorable mention Trevor Shockman, all junior offensive linemen, and honorable mention sophomore running back Justin Keeney, and the state's No. 3 offense will return seven starters will all-league recognition. Kicker Enol Angel, a junior, was also first team.

The only all-league players the Tigers lose will be on defense and special teams as senior lineman Jared Warren and punter Jason Fitzpatrick were each voted first

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## OUR VIEW

# Learning on the job

Does time go by fast or what? Just over three months ago I packed up my car and drove more than 2,000 miles across the country for my first 'real job' and now my first fall sports scene in eastern Oregon is dwindling by the day.

As it stands, just two area schools remain in competition — Heppner and Stanfield football — and we're already

beginning to turn our attention towards the fast-approaching winter sports season.

As I am writing this, I am putting the finishing touches of my

last day of work for the next 12 days. I'm traveling back to Ohio today to get married over the weekend — and I'm hoping one or both of those teams are still alive by the time I get back.

But I've had some time to reflect on what has happened over my first prep sports season here in Oregon, and I thought I would share some thoughts for the season.

First off, I quickly came to realize just how good the Heppner Mustangs football team is.

I had heard the talk from other sports reporters here at the EO about how good they were and how much support the team gets from the town, but I wasn't familiar enough with the landscape yet to grasp their dominance.

As the season went along, it became more and more clear seeing blowout after blowout and seeing numerous players fill up the stat sheets night-in and night-out.

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# Doping scandal threatens Russia's storied sports legacy

## WADA recommends suspension of track and field program

By LYNN BERRY & JAMES ELLINGWORTH  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The day after the 2014 Sochi Olympics ended with Russia atop the medals table, a beaming President Vladimir Putin presented his athletes with state awards for "defending the honor" of their country by showing that its "great and glorious" sports traditions were still strong.

From its decades of dominance in the 1960s to the 1980s when the Soviet Union was known as the "Big Red Machine," international sports has held outsized importance for Russians as a way to measure their country's standing in the world.

That's why accusations of cheating — widespread, state-sponsored doping — drew such a harsh reaction Tuesday in Moscow. It would be a huge embarrassment for Russia if its track and field athletes



A Soviet style statue of a discus thrower is seen at Moscow's Gorky Park in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015. A report Monday by a commission of the World Anti-Doping Agency accused Russia of widespread, state-sponsored doping and cover-ups by sports officials and track and field athletes, including Olympic medalists.

AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin

were kept out of next summer's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Russian officials have sought to discredit the report by a commission from the World Anti-Doping Agency, saying it failed to prove its main points and suggested the existence of an anti-Russian conspiracy.

"As long as there is no evidence, it is difficult to consider the

accusations, which appear rather unfounded," said Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov.

The acting head of the Russian athletics federation, Vadim Zelichenok, said the report's conclusions appeared to have been "made to order."

Putin has called a meeting Wednesday with the heads of

Russia's sports federations to discuss preparations for the 2016 Olympics. Zelichenok told The Associated Press the doping allegations could be discussed.

Monday's report alleged Russia engaged in systematic doping and cover-ups affecting its track and field athletes, including Olympic medalists. It said that agents from the FSB intelligence service interfered with the work of a doping lab at the Sochi Games.

The WADA commission recommended that track and field's governing body, the IAAF, suspend the Russian federation from competition. IAAF President Sebastian Coe gave the federation until the end of the week to respond to the doping allegations.

The International Olympic Committee said it would be ready to strip medals from any Russian athletes found guilty of doping violations.

Russia also has been threatened with suspension from track and field competitions, including the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Zelichenok appealed to the IAAF to

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