

Sports shorts

Snow cancels opening day of basketball season

Due to school cancellations throughout the region on Wednesday, none of the local basketball games scheduled for Wednesday evening were played. It was the first day of the basketball season statewide.



Goodell asks committee to look at officiating

IRVING, Texas (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has asked the league’s powerful competition committee to look into how games are officiated, and the size of the rule book.

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Goodell says Wednesday that team owners at their meetings discussed the officiating, which is an “integrity of the game” issue. He has asked the competition committee to look into clarifying and simplifying the rules, as well as how the league trains officials. Goodell says “no stone will be left unturned” in examining and improving officiating.

Report links Richt to Hurricanes job

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Mark Richt is going back to where his college career began. The former Miami quarterback has reached a tentative agreement to be the Hurricanes’ next head coach, pending the completion of contract talks, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been signed and the university has not announced the hiring publicly. Richt spent the last 15 seasons as the head coach at Georgia, averaging nearly 10 wins a season and leading the Bulldogs to a pair of Southeastern Conference championships.



“This is when ‘they’ and ‘sources’ seem to show their heads a little bit. And I’ve always wanted to meet ‘they’ and ‘sources’ because both seem to know a lot.”

— **Peyton Manning**
Injured Denver Broncos QB on the speculation around his timetable for a return to the field, and whether or not he’ll be the starter again once healthy. The Broncos are 2-1 with Brock Osweiler starting in his absence.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2000 — The 200-yard rushing games by Mike Anderson, Corey Dillon, Warrick Dunn and Curtis Martin mark the first time in NFL history that four runners have 200 yards on the same day. Its never happened three times in a single day.

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MLB

Mariners trade Trumbo, sign Aoki

Trumbo not ‘ideal fit’ for team says GM

By **TIM BOOTH**
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners’ ongoing roster makeover now includes outfielder Nori Aoki. The Mariners and the free agent outfielder have reached agreement on a contract for the 2016 season pending a physical, according to two people with knowledge of the deal. They spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday on the condition of anonymity because the contract had not been finalized. The (Tacoma) News Tribune and CBS Sports first reported Aoki’s agreement. The agreement was part of a busy day for the Mariners and new general manager Jerry Dipoto, but was pending a physical that will be closely watched after an injury-filled 2015 season for Aoki in



This Aug. 21, 2015 file photo shows Seattle Mariners’ Mark Trumbo watching a three-run home run off Chicago White Sox’s Chris Sale during the seventh inning in Seattle.

AP Photo/John Froschauer, file

San Francisco. The Mariners also announced the signing of right-handed reliever Justin De Fratus to a one-year deal and completed the trade of Mark Trumbo and pitcher C.J. Riefenhauser to the Baltimore Orioles in exchange for catcher Steve Clevenger. Aoki was limited to 93 games due to a broken right leg and a

severe concussion in the second half of the season. San Francisco, which turned down a \$5.5 million option on Aoki last month, said Aoki was healthy and the injuries did not play a role in the decision to decline the option. Aoki was placed on the seven-day concussion list in mid-August. He was hit in the head by a pitch from NL Cy Young winner Jake Arrieta and after sitting out three days, ran into the wall while making a catch when he returned. The Giants announced in early September that Aoki was suffering from post-concussion symptoms and he did not play after Sept. 3. When healthy, Aoki’s athleticism and flexibility fits what Seattle is seeking under Dipoto. Aoki is a career .287 hitter, with a .353 on-base percentage in his four seasons since coming from Japan. He also has a low strikeout rate and defensively has played all three outfield positions, although Aoki is

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College Roundup

Bulldogs hold off Cougars

Wiltjer leads Gonzaga past Washington State

Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Kyle Wiltjer scored 22 points and No. 13 Gonzaga beat stubborn Washington State 69-60 on Wednesday night. Josh Perkins added 16 points, and Silas Melson had 12 for Gonzaga (5-1), which did not put the game away until the closing minutes. Que Johnson scored 18 points for Washington State (4-1). Ike Iroegbu added 17. Washington State took an early lead, but Wiltjer hit four 3-pointers in the span of 4 minutes to key a 19-4 run as Gonzaga took a 21-10 advantage. Wiltjer had 20 points in the opening 10 minutes, on 8-of-11 shooting, to help Gonzaga build a 29-14 lead. Que Johnson scored five points during a 9-0 run that cut Gonzaga’s lead to 36-30. Gonzaga led 38-30 at halftime, after holding the Cougars to 37 percent shooting. Gonzaga opened the second half with an 8-2 run for a 46-32 lead and the teams traded baskets through the middle portion of the second half, with Gonzaga maintaining a double-digit lead. Iroegbu’s layup cut Gonzaga’s lead to 59-53 with 5:14 left but Perkins replied with a 3-pointer for Gonzaga, and the Bulldogs held off Washington State the rest of the way.

OREGON STATE 79, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT 70 — At Corvallis, Drew Eubanks had 17 points and nine rebounds, shooting 6 for 7 from the floor, as Oregon State beat Loyola Marymount 79-70 on Wednesday night. Olaf Schaftenaar scored 19 points and Gary Payton II added six points, nine rebounds, nine assists and three steals for the Beavers (5-1), who rebounded from their only loss of the season. Adom Jacko came off the bench



Gonzaga’s Kyle Dranginis, center, passes the ball between Washington State’s Valentine Izundu (45) and Que Johnson during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, in Pullman, Wash. Gonzaga won 69-60.

AP Photo/Young Kwak

to tie a career high with 22 points and Steven Haney Jr. added 16 points, making four 3-pointers for the Lions (4-3), who had won three straight. The Beavers outrebounded Loyola Marymount 40-32, but committed 16 turnovers, compared to 11 for the Lions. The game was back and forth with seven ties, nine lead changes and neither team leading by more than six until late. Oregon State led 30-29 at the

break and had to hold off a late surge in the second half. The Lions trailed by only four when Schaftenaar sunk a 3-pointer with 1:32 left, giving Oregon State much needed cushion. Oregon State made four free throws without a miss to seal the game.

VOLLEYBALL EASTERN OREGON 3, BRIAR CLIFF 2 — At Sioux City, Iowa, the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers defeated Briar Cliff

in pool play at the NAIA Volleyball Championships on Wednesday. The Mountaineers (25-5) won with scores of 25-21, 25-12, and 15-11, and dropped the second and fourth sets with scores of 26-24 and 25-22. Amanda Miller led the Mountaineers offensive attack with 15 kills, while Emily Nay added 13 kills and nine blocks. Kasaundra Tuma and Sierra Linke each contributed 12 kills a piece with Tuma also adding seven blocks.

NBA

Curry scores 40, Warriors top Hornets to go 20-0

By **STEVE REED**
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte Hornets broadcaster Dell Curry told his son before Wednesday night’s game, “do not ruin my night.” “He didn’t make any guarantees,” Curry said with a smile. Actually, Stephen Curry ignored his father altogether. The reigning MVP scored 40 points in three quarters and the Golden State Warriors easily defeated the Hornets 116-99 to extend the best start in NBA history to 20-0. On a night when the Hornets honored Dell Curry, the franchise’s career scoring leader, with a “key to Buzz City,” it was his oldest son

who stole the spotlight by hitting 14 of 18 shots from the field and going 8 for 11 from 3-point range. Stephen Curry, who grew up in Charlotte and starred at nearby Davidson College, scored 28 points in the pivotal third quarter, including his team’s final 24. He hit 10 of 11 shots from the field, including all five 3s — many from well beyond the arc and in the face of a defender — to help the Warriors build a 21-point cushion. He sat out the entire fourth quarter due to the big lead and didn’t get a shot to break his career high of 54. “It was a cool atmosphere to play in, especially on top of my dad’s ceremony,” Stephen Curry said.



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, drives past Charlotte Hornets guard Kemba Walker in the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, in Charlotte, N.C. Golden State won 116-99.

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