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MLS increasing player budgets

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Soccer is allowing teams to spend \$37 million more on player salaries in the next two seasons in an effort to improve talent.



The league announced in July that each team could spend an additional \$500,000 over five years on players, called Targeted Allocation Money. MLS said TAM could be used to sign or re-sign players who earn more than the maximum salary budget charge who are not high-priced designated players. MLS said Wednesday each team can spend an additional \$800,000 in TAM both in 2017 and 2018, money that must be spent within four transfer windows. The league also is allowing teams to spend \$125,000 each year on homegrown players.

Mariners acquire first baseman in trade with Brewers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The busy Seattle Mariners have acquired first baseman Adam Lind from the Milwaukee Brewers for three teenage minor league pitchers.

The Brewers are getting right-handers Daniel Missaki, Carlos Herrera and Freddy Peralta in the trade announced Wednesday at the winter meetings

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Lind

Milwaukee picked up the \$8 million option for 2016 on Lind's contract last month. The Mariners have been looking for a first baseman because general manager Jerry Dipoto already dealt Mark Trumbo and Logan Morrison. The 32-year-old Lind batted .277 with 20 homers and 87 RBIs in 149 games during his only season with the Brewers.

“(They) have elevated him to the level of a James Bond super-villain. And like those villains, he is doomed to failure.”

— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Basketball Hall of Famer responding to comments by Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump in an article written for Time.com. Abdul-Jabbar also said Trump is the Islamic State group's ‘greatest triumph’ and is doing the group's work for them by preying on the fears of the general public.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1939 — The Green Bay Packers register the first shutout in an NFL championship game by beating the New York Giants 27-0.

1994 — Rashaan Salaam of Colorado, who led the nation in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards, wins the Heisman Trophy over runner-up Ki-Jana Carter of Penn State.

2006 — LaDainian Tomlinson breaks Shaun Alexander's NFL single-season touchdown record of 28 when he scores three times in the San Diego Chargers' 48-20 victory over the Denver Broncos. Tomlinson has 26 TDs rushing and three receiving.

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MILTON-FREEWATER

Pioneers defeated for first time of season

Richwine, Erb have big nights in loss

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The Mac-Hi Pioneers came up with four steals in the final minute but couldn't get their buckets to fall as they were defeated for the first time this season, 40-29,

in a non-league game against Walla Walla Valley Academy on Wednesday.

Coach Brooke Garton said that was the story of the game, as Mac-Hi struggled to hit its shots all night.

“We took a lot of good shots but couldn't get many to fall,” she said. “The girls played hard the whole game.”

Sydney Richwine led Mac-Hi (2-1) with a double-double that included 12 points, 14 rebounds and five of the team's 18 steals.

Brittney Erb added 10 points, eight rebounds and four assists, and Shannon Carter added five steals.

Mac-Hi will play Helix for the second time this season on Friday in its first game of the Mac-Hi Tournament on Friday at 6 p.m.

The Pioneer boys also lost, 42-36, and Hunter Yensen scored 22 points while Adrian Zaragoza added 14.

WWVA 7 9 12 11 — 40
M-H (2-1) 8 6 11 4 — 29
WALLA WALLA VALLEY — King 11, Underhill 9, Brawling 9, Evans 5, Graham 5, Anderson, Calkins, Chang, Rothrock.
MAC-HI — Sydney Richwine 12, Brittney Erb 10, J. Field 3, A. Biggs 2, M. Yensen 1, S. Tveidt 1, K. Fite, K. Crisman, S. Carter.
3-pointers — WWVA 2, M-H 1. Free throws — WWVA 11-21, M-H 4-20. Fouls — WWVA 19, M-H 19. Fouled out — Evans (WWVA).

HERMISTON

Dawgs earn three all-state nods

Rosales lands on first team

By SAM BARBEE

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Three Hermiston boys soccer players were named to the 5A OSAA all-state team.

Edwin Rosales, Hermiston's senior forward and leading scorer, was the only local on the first team. Senior midfielder Enrique Leal and senior midfielder/defenseman John Mejia were named to the second team.

“I was really hoping we'd get at least one, but to have three recognized was pretty cool,” head coach Rich Harshberger said. “The first thing it says other people saw how important they were to our team. The all-state team — thats really only two or three other coaches that saw them, and they said ‘Hey, these three guys were important’ and gave them a vote.”

Hood River standout Noe Magana was the 5A boys Player of the Year, and Hood River coach Jamie Rivera was tabbed Coach of the Year.

Rosales, a diminutive forward, impressed with his effort and his ability to constantly affect games. He finished the season with 16 goals — 14 in the regular season, two in the post season — despite often being one of, if not the smallest player on the pitch. Rosales was also one of just two players to start and play in all 17 matches, along with sophomore centerback Miguel Hoyos.

“When he was on the field, he



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

In this Oct. 20, 2015, file photoHermiston's Edwin Rosales passes the ball in front of Hood River's Mario Sandoval in the Bulldogs' 2-2 tie against the Eagles in Hermiston.

was impacting the game and making a general nuisance of himself,” Harshberger said. “He never backed down. That was so endearing to me. He took on everybody if they were in his way.”

Harshberger said Leal was like a coach on the field, but what really set him apart was his ability to pass. Leal was often leading the charge offensively from the midfield, giving Rosales and junior forward Freddy Rodriguez the best opportunities to score with crisp and accurate passing. Though he wasn't selected to wear the captain's

armband, Leal functioned as one on the field. His six assists were second on the team to Rodriguez's seven and his three goals in 1,000 minutes were welcome additions.

“Just his insights with passing, being able to put the ball on the feet of Edwin, on the feet of Freddy and play them through with a perfect pass,” Harshberger said, noting Leal's added ability to play tough defense in a “light” midfield. “Even though he wasn't wearing a captain's armband, but still stepping up and realizing how important his role was as a leader and role model,

leading that team on a daily basis.”

Mejia, who had a benign tumor removed from his right calf before the season, almost didn't get to play his senior season. Despite medical expectations, he returned to training six weeks of physical therapy. Harshberger said Mejia was determined to not miss his senior year, and he was awarded with the captain's armband after a player's vote. Mejia finished his final season with four goals and four assists. “He's another guy who was a

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“The ceiling is being raised. It's not a goal anymore, it's an expectation. ... The program as a whole is getting there. You don't have rebuilding anymore, you have reloading.”

— Rich Harshberger, Hermiston head boys soccer coach

College Football

Oregon could go transfer route again at quarterback

Montana State's Prukop considering Ducks

By RYAN THORBURN

The Register-Guard

EUGENE — The Ducks could benefit from the Big Sky farm system again next fall.

Montana State quarterback Dakota Prukop told The Register-Guard he is thinking seriously about following in Vernon Adams Jr.'s footsteps and transferring to Oregon.

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound dual-threat standout will graduate with a degree in economics this weekend and also plans to make a recruiting visit to Eugene. Prukop is a redshirt junior and would have only one year at Oregon or wherever he plays next season.

“Definitely, it's cool,” Prukop said of seeing Adams flourish in the Oregon offense after putting up prolific numbers at Eastern Washington for three seasons. “Vernon is a very special athlete. He did an outstanding job this year making the jump. That solidifies the whole thought process.”

In 11 games this season, Prukop completed 62.8 percent of his passes for 3,025 yards with 28 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. He also was the Bobcats' second-leading rusher with



Adrian Sanchez-Gonzalez/Bozeman Daily Chronicle via AP

Montana State quarterback Dakota Prukop runs the ball against Montana during the second half of an NCAA college football game in Bozeman, Mont., Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015.

797 net yards and 11 touchdowns.

After Montana State finished 5-6, including a wild 55-50 loss at Eastern Washington, the school fired head coach Rob Ash. He has been replaced by Washington defensive line coach Jeff Choate.

“Dakota has been a great Bobcat, a tremendous teammate and a leader in this program,” Choate said in a statement. “In the short time I've known him and his family, there is no doubt he will achieve success in whatever pursuit he chooses. I respect his desire to look at all of his options

and I certainly hope he chooses to remain in our program, but we will support his decision regardless.”

The coaching carousel could lead Prukop and his position coach to Oregon.

According to a 247Sports report, Montana State offensive coordinator Tim Cramsey, a former Chip Kelly assistant at New Hampshire, may end up on Mark Helfrich's staff as the quarterbacks coach.

Oregon has lost offensive coordinator Scott Frost, who is now the head coach at Central Florida. Wide

receivers coach Matt Lubick is the logical replacement.

“I know they're getting a new offensive coordinator. If they keep it the same, which I feel they will, that system is similar to what I've run at Montana State,” Prukop said of the Ducks' offense.

“I'm going to explore all options. Oregon has done a great job recruiting. You can tell they're the best in the business at it.”

Like Adams, Prukop was not recruited by major programs coming out of high school in Austin, Texas.

Playing in the Pac-12 as a senior would give him a chance to showcase his talents Adams did. The Eastern Washington graduate transfer led the FBS in passing efficiency during his one-and-done season at Oregon.

“It's a real enticing opportunity,” Prukop said. “I've had a chip on my shoulder since coming out of high school, since coming to Montana State.”

Coincidentally, Prukop's father, Tim, is a former assistant coach who worked for TCU coach Gary Patterson. The Ducks and Horned Frogs will meet in the Alamo Bowl on Jan. 2 in San Antonio.

“That's going to be a fun game to watch,” said Prukop, who considers Oregon to be his first choice but will also consider a transfer to TCU and Texas. “One of places I wanted to go growing up was TCU.”