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Chargers fine Weddle \$10K for staying on field

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Agent David Canter says San Diego Chargers safety Eric Weddle has been fined \$10,000 by the team for remaining on the sideline at halftime of a Dec. 20 home game to watch his daughter dance in a program sponsored by the team's cheerleaders.

Canter says he plans to file a grievance with the NFL Players Association.

Canter says he and Weddle didn't plan to say anything about the fine, but changed their minds after Weddle and three other players were placed on injured reserve Monday and then told they will not travel to Sunday's game at Denver.

That game could be the team's last in San Diego.

Weddle's contract is expiring and the team has declined to offer an extension.

Yankees acquire Chapman from Reds for prospects

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees have bolstered an already dominant bullpen, acquiring hard-throwing All-Star closer Aroldis Chapman from the Cincinnati Reds for four minor leaguers.

Chapman became available after the Reds' deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers fell through during baseball's winter meetings three weeks ago when it was learned Florida police investigated an accusation of domestic violence involving the Cuban left-hander.

The Reds, who have shed several veterans in the past six months, get right-handers Caleb Cotham and Rookie Davis and infielders Eric Jagielo and Tony Renda from New York in the deal announced Monday.

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"I let my mouth get ahead of everything. I think if I would have come in there and just said, 'Hey, we're gonna compete,' and do all that stuff, maybe we wouldn't have such a bad feeling about this team."

— Rex Ryan

The Buffalo Bills head coach speaking on his offseason 'guarantee' that the Bills would make the playoffs in Ryan's first year as coach. The Bills stand at 7-8 and have been eliminated from postseason play.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2007 — The New England Patriots complete a perfect regular season, finishing with a remarkable 16-0 record following a thrilling comeback win over the New York Giants. New England is the first NFL team since the 1972 Dolphins to win every game on the schedule, and that one was only 14-0.

2011 — Baylor pulls out an incredible Alamo Bowl victory in the highest-scoring regulation bowl game in history, beating Washington 67-56 in the wildest shootout of the bowl season.

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Prep Roundup

Helix stays hot with win over Klickitat

Grizzlies come alive in second half to earn win

East Oregonian

HELIX — The 2014-15 season brought a mediocre season for the Helix Grizzlies, finishing with 10 wins, 13 losses and an early exit from the Old Oregon League tournament.

But 2015 has started out about as well as the Grizzlies could have hoped, and

Monday night it kept getting better with a blowout 61-21 win over Klickitat (WA) to earn win No. 7 already on the season.

"It was a good all-around team game," said Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger. "We got the ball inside and we got 37 points from our bigs tonight. Everyone had a hand in this one, which is good to see."

Paden Flerchinger was the top scorer for Helix with 17 points and Sadie Wilson added 11 points. Makenzie Mize also contributed nine

points in the win.

Helix continues play tomorrow against Bickleton (WA) at 4 p.m. It will be the second meeting between the two teams this season, as they met back on Dec. 5 with Helix taking the victory 46-43.

HHS (7-2) 11 20 13 17 — 61
KHS (1-4) 8 0 5 8 — 21
HELIX — P. Flerchinger 17, S. Wilson 11, M. Mize 9, M. Tullis 7, B. Newton 5, K. Mize 4, M. Espey 4, A. Wood 2, E. Fehrenbacher 2, C. Bennett, A. Krol.
3-pointers — HHS 0, KHS 2. Free throws — HHS 7-19, KHS 1-3. Fouls — HHS 10, KHS 18.

HERMISTON (JV)

41, HEPPNER 31 — At Pendleton, the Heppner Mustangs struggled with shooting on Monday against the Hermiston junior varsity, as the Bulldogs pulled out a 10 point win.

Jacee Currin led Heppner with 19 points in 31 minutes of action in the game. She connected on five of 14 field goal attempts and nailed 9-12 from the free throw line. Jessica Kempken had a team-best nine rebounds.

Regan Meyers topped the Bulldogs' scoring efforts with 14 points on 6-18

shooting.

Heppner continues tournament play tomorrow with time and opponent TBD. Hermiston JV will also be back in action tomorrow with time and opponent TBD as well.

HEP (2-8) 3 8 9 11 — 31
HEM (1-0) 7 12 4 18 — 41
HEPPNER — J. Currin 19, J. Kempken 5, K. Gray 3, K. Lindsay 2, C. Grieb 2, R. Dompier, J. Mahoney, R. Kollman, J. Evans, M. Correa.
HERMISTON — R. Meyers 14, K. Smith 7, J. Thomas 7, C. Wheeler 6, H. Thompson 5, K. Green 2, H. Earl, S. Stefani, M. Huff.
3-pointers — HEP 0, HEM 3. Free throws — HEP 11-29, HEM 12-21. Fouls — HEP 16, HEM 21.

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College Basketball

Beavers edged by Notre Dame



Notre Dame guard Lindsay Allen, (15) drives the lane as Oregon State guard Gabriella Hanson (11) defends during the first half of a college basketball game on Monday in South Bend, Ind.

No. 10 ranked Oregon State can't hold late lead as Notre Dame prevails

By STEVE LOWE
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Oregon State coach Scott Rueck calls junior guard Gabriella Hanson the ultimate utility player. Hanson has played a number of positions in her career, and she added point guard to that list Monday night.

Hanson scored 18 points and nearly helped No. 10 Oregon State pull off an upset, but the Beavers couldn't hang on in a 62-61 loss to No. 3 Notre Dame.

For the second straight game, Oregon State (9-2) was missing junior point guard and three-year starter Sydney Wiese, who is out indefinitely after injuring her right (non-shooting) hand in a Dec. 19 loss at Tennessee.

Hanson played the point along with starter Katie McWilliams, and responded with a big game, leading a second-half comeback that wiped out a 13-point deficit.

"I have a lot of confidence right now," Hanson said.

Notre Dame's collapsing defense on 6-foot-6 center Ruth Hamblin gave Hanson more space to work offensively.

"Ruth demands attention because of her size," Hanson said. "It's a huge advantage for us."

Madison Cable scored 15 points and Lindsay Allen made two free throws with 6 seconds left for the Irish, who went almost exclusively with a four-guard rotation in the second half. As a result, they were outrebounded 46-33.

"I'd rather get some more points down the other end and get outrebounded," said Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw, who collected her 798th career victory. "I would rather go ahead and put in the people I want on offense if we're not going to rebound."

Freshman Marina Mabrey added 13 points for the Irish (11-1). Notre Dame took a one-point lead on Brianna Turn-

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NFL

Seattle's Lynch moving closer to return

By TIM BOOTH
AP Sports Writer

RENTON, Wash. — Coming off one of their ugliest performances of the season, the Seattle Seahawks needed a little good news.

They may be getting it with the potential return of running back Marshawn Lynch.

Coach Pete Carroll indicated Monday that Lynch could rejoin the team later this week. It's the first sign of optimism that Lynch could be a factor for the Seahawks once the postseason arrives.

But Carroll cautioned that the team would have to see how Lynch is doing in person before deciding whether he will play in the regular-season finale this week at Arizona or in the wild-card round of the NFL playoffs.

"We have to see him playing football and see if everything trans-

lates. He's always come back in really good shape, and been fast and strong and had his endurance and all that," Carroll said. "We're kind of hoping that's the same when the time comes."

Lynch has been out since undergoing abdominal surgery Nov. 25 to repair an injury related to a sports hernia. Lynch played through the injury in Seattle's Week 10 loss to Arizona, then sat out the following week against San Francisco before undergoing surgery with the hope of returning late in the season.

That plan seemed perfectly fine for Seattle with how rookie Thomas Rawls filled in. But that changed in Week 14 when Rawls broke an ankle and suffered ligament damage against Baltimore and was lost for the year. While Seattle got past Cleveland with a makeshift running game, the lack of a legitimate back became an obvious weakness in Sunday's 23-17

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File-This Nov. 15, 2015, file photo shows Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch rushing against the Arizona Cardinals in the second half of an NFL football game in Seattle.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)