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## Sports shorts

### Seahawks down two starters for Sunday's finale

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks will be without starting tight end Luke Willson and starting right guard J.R. Sweezy for Sunday's season finale at Arizona due to concussions.

The Seahawks announced their injury report prior to the completion of practice on Friday. Willson's concussion was known after taking a hit to the head during last Sunday's loss to St. Louis, but Sweezy's concussion didn't become known until he was listed on the injury report Wednesday.

Seattle also listed starting left tackle Russell Okung as doubtful, strong safety Kam Chancellor (pelvis/tailbone) as questionable, while Michael Bennett (toe) and Cliff Avril (back) were both probable.

### Pitino addresses UofL sex scandal

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A frustrated Rick Pitino said the NCAA has not interviewed him about an escort's book allegations of sex parties at Louisville players' dormitory and doesn't believe the scandal

will be resolved until summer.

Katina Powell has alleged former Louisville staffer Andre McGee hired her and other

dancers to strip and have sex with recruits and players. Pitino has denied knowledge of the allegations but said Friday he believes one person did "some scurrilous things."

Pitino didn't mention McGee as the person in question.

But the coach said, "Did one person do some scurrilous things? I believe so, from what I know now. The only thing I don't know is why he did it. For the life of me, I can't figure it out. .... He knew better and was taught better by his parents and by me."

"I woke up the morning of the Detroit game and, almost immediately, I was like, This is it. What hit me in that moment? I guess I felt like if somebody would've called and said 'the game's actually been canceled,' I would've been all right with it."

— **Charles Woodson**  
The Oakland Raiders' 39-year-old defensive back reflecting on ESPN.com on what made him decide to finally call it quits after 18 years in the NFL. Woodson will play in his 254th and final NFL game on Sunday when his Raiders take on the Kansas City Chiefs.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2011 — Seattle becomes the first sub-.500 division champ in league history with a 16-6 win over St. Louis. The Seahawks clinch the NFC West at 7-9, the first playoff team with a losing record since the merger in 1970.

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## College Football

# Ducks, Frogs ready for bowl battle

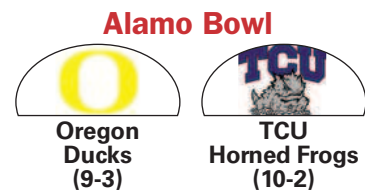
## TCU without record-breaking QB

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Gary Patterson is like the fans. TCU's coach wanted to see the matchup of big-play quarterbacks in the Alamo Bowl, with Trevone Boykin for his No. 11 Horned Frogs and Vernon Davis Jr. for No. 15 Oregon.

But Boykin won't play Saturday night. His college career abruptly ended when Patterson suspended the one-time top Heisman Trophy contender, who left his room after curfew in San Antonio and then got charged with assault on a public servant.

"Sometimes you have to make decisions you don't want to,"



• Today, 3:45 p.m.  
• At Alamodome, San Antonio, TX  
• TV: ESPN

Patterson said Friday. "My feelings went out to him. My feelings went out to the team. He's our starting quarterback. I'm a fan. I wanted to see him against Vernon Adams. That's the disappointing thing, just for the kids, and for him, all of them."

Boykin, who broke NFL quarterback Andy Dalton's passing

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Oregon head coach Mark Helfrich, left, and TCU head coach Gary Patterson, right, shake hands following a news conference for the Alamo Bowl on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in San Antonio. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

## MLB

# Griffey awaits call to 'Hall'



In this Sept. 15, 2009, file photo, Seattle Mariners' Ken Griffey Jr. smiles in the dugout during a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox in Seattle. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)

## Mariner great a lock for Hall of Fame, results released next week

By **TIM BOOTH**  
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — The perfect swing that we could never emulate. The diving, leaping catches we only dared to copy with the protection of pillows and couch cushions on the floor. The smile that told us baseball could be fun for even the best player of our generation.

For those of us who grew up in the Pacific Northwest, Ken Griffey Jr. was the first transcendent star of our youth we could claim as our own. He was the guy that kids in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles were emulating. Yet we had the chance 81 times a season to go inside the dreary concrete confines of the Kingdome and watch

Griffey perform.

He was ours.

Griffey will almost assuredly be voted into the Hall of Fame next week, potentially with the highest percentage ever. It will be a reinforcement of what we were able to watch up close. The ultimate accomplishment to go with all the numbers, awards and the fact that if not for Griffey's greatness — and the success of the franchise in 1995 — Safeco Field never gets built and baseball may have left Seattle.

When Griffey takes his place in Cooperstown, he'll take the entire Northwest with him.

Griffey wasn't from our region, but we adopted him as ours. He grew into an adult before our eyes and he taught us we could play the game

with joy. Wear your hat backward. Smile. Laugh. Play with the same delight as if you were playing wiffle ball in the driveway with your buddies, arguing whether the fly ball cleared the power lines and landed for a home run.

If The Kid played baseball like a kid, then it was OK for us to play that way.

There had been other fantastic players to come through our region: Steve Largent, Gary Payton, Shawn Kemp to name a few. None of them matched what Griffey meant to us.

Naughty By Nature's "Hip Hop Hooray," will always lead to flashbacks of watching Griffey stroll to the plate.

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## College Football

# McCaffrey leads Stanford over Iowa in Rose Bowl

## Heisman runner-up sets two records in win

By **GREG BEACHAM**  
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Stanford barely missed out on the College Football Playoff, and Christian McCaffrey almost won the Heisman Trophy.

McCaffrey and the mighty Cardinal didn't miss a thing in their Rose Bowl romp over Iowa.

McCaffrey caught a 75-yard touchdown pass on the opening snap and returned a punt 66 yards for another score while setting the Rose Bowl record with 368



Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey celebrates after scoring against Iowa during the first half of the Rose Bowl NCAA college football game, Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in Pasadena, Calif. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

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## Prep Wrestling

# Bulldogs 5th at Day 1 of Clash

## Hermiston goes 2-1 in duals to start Minnesota tournament

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ROCHESTER, MINN. — The Hermiston Bulldogs finished strong on the first day of dual matches at The Clash XIV to take fifth place in their initial bracket.

Hermiston went 2-1 on the day, but found itself in the consolation portion of the tournament early thanks to a 36-24 loss to Park Hill of Kansas City, Missouri, in its first dual.

Hermiston led that match 9-3 after senior Sam Colbray picked up his first pin of the afternoon in 47 seconds over Park Hill 220-pounder Nate Smith, but the Trojans went on to win the next five bouts to take a 21-9 edge with six weights to contend.

Consecutive wins by Adrian Tuia and C.J. Hendon at 132 and 138, respectively, got the

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