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Security ramped up for title game

PHOENIX (AP) — The city of Phoenix will deploy more security personnel for the college football championship than for last year’s Super Bowl as federal authorities warn about the risk of terror attacks at crowded public events.

The title game follows recent attacks in San Bernardino, California, and Paris that have raised alarm and led the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to warn about the possibility of homegrown extremists targeting big events.

“We’ve seen so many things recently, Paris, for example. We are going to have a lot of bodies out there looking for that kind of thing,” said Shelly Jamison, a Phoenix Fire Department spokeswoman who is helping lead security coordination at the College Football Playoff title game. “We are being very proactive.”



Mack makes All-Pro history; Lockett only rookie selected

NEW YORK (AP) — Khalil Mack has made All-Pro history.

Mack’s versatility and relentlessness earned him selection at two positions on the 2015 Associated Press All-Pro Team, an NFL first. The second-year Oakland Raiders defensive end and outside linebacker drew enough support Friday from a panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league to make the squad both spots.

One rookie, Seattle kick returner Tyler Lockett, was selected.

“It means a lot,” Lockett said. “There are a lot of great players who come in to the NFL and do an exceptional job and have a great career, but they’re never able to make it on the All-Pro team. ... To be a rookie to be able to come in, it’s a crazy experience and a crazy accolade to have.”



Mack



Lockett

“I accept responsibility in this case. I trespassed repeatedly.”

— Chris Correa

Former scouting director of the St. Louis Cardinals while pleading guilty in federal court to five counts of unauthorized access of a protected computer by hacking into the player database and email system of the Houston Astros from 2013-14. He faces up to five years in prison on each charge and will be sentenced in April.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1980 — Goaltender Jim Stewart, playing in his first and only game with the Boston Bruins, gives up three goals in the first four minutes of the game and a total of five in the first period. He’s replaced and never plays in the NHL again.

NFL

Seahawks prep for frigid playoff opener

Wild Card game at Vikings likely to be coldest in franchise history

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Along with the usual assortment of cargo that goes on every NFL road trip, the Seattle Seahawks are collecting every parka, hand-warmer and

beanie to be found.

Good reason. Sunday’s NFC wild-card matchup at Minnesota could end up being the coldest game in Seahawks history.

“To be honest with you, I don’t have too much experience with this type of weather. I grew up in Florida.

I don’t really know if there’s a way to prepare for it, other than just being aware that it’s going to be difficult,” Seattle wide receiver Doug Baldwin said. “We’re going into it with the best mentality that we can, knowing

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IRRIGON

Collins, Mustangs sink Knights



Heppner’s Patrick Collins puts up a shot over Irrigon’s Fredy Vera in the Mustangs’ 44-42 win against the Knights on Friday in Irrigon.

Senior nails last-second free throws to lift Heppner to win

By **ERIC SINGER**
East Oregonian

IRRIGON — Patrick Collins toed the free throw line for the most important shot of the game.

His Heppner Mustangs were tied with the Irrigon Knights at 42-42 with just five seconds remaining in the game, and Collins cleared his mind and stuck to what he knew to try and get his team back on top.

“I was glad it was on me because I feel I perform well when I need to,” Collins said. “It’s something we go through in practice every day, we have to make free throws, and I knew they were really important and I was confident when I stepped to the line.”

So after he got the ball from the referee, dribbled four times and bent his knees, he shot the ball and — with a few hundred other eyes looking on intensely — watched the ball arch towards the basket.

And then — swish.

Then he had one more attempt, which ended with the another make, giving the Mustangs a 44-42 lead that would last through a last-second heave from the Knights to give Heppner a big league-opening on Friday evening.

Collins led Heppner in scoring with 12 points and was 4-5 from the free throw line — none bigger than those two.

“The first one was a little shaky, just because I knew I had to make it,” he said. “I just stuck with the fundamentals and my form and it went in. After that, the second one was easy.

It was a big win for Heppner, handing Irrigon its first home loss in league play since Feb. 11, 2012 when they lost to Weston-McEwen 66-40.

“This is a very resilient and patient basketball team and I couldn’t be more proud of

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Boys Basketball Roundup

Stanfield smothers Pilot Rock

Tigers defense doesn’t allow a field goal in first quarter

By **SAM BARBEE**
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — The Stanfield Tigers boys basketball team jumped all over the Pilot Rock Rockets in Stanfield Friday night and never looked back.

The Tigers scored 12 of the games first 16 points, didn’t allow a field goal until late in the second quarter, and hammered the Rockets 79-35 in both teams’ CBC opener.

“We don’t underestimate any team,” first-year Stanfield coach Victor Baros said. “Every team we play is probably the best team in the league. And that’s how we

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Stanfield guard Ryan Bailey (with ball) dumps a pass to teammate Jose Garcia in front of Pilot Rock’s Brayda Postma during the Tigers’ 79-35 home win Friday night.

Mountaineers planning a revival

Heppner politician secures funds to restore wrestling program

By **MATT ENTRUP**
East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University’s Wikipedia page is due for an update.

Among other tidbits listed about the institution on the popular web-based encyclopedia is a tally of defunct athletic programs — baseball, skiing, women’s golf and wrestling.

On Monday the Mountaineers will

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