

BRIEFLY
Tournament registration deadline nearing

BOARDMAN — The Chamber Frostbite Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 2 at Willow Run Golf Course in Boardman.

Cost is \$200 for a team of four or \$50 for a single player, which includes your greens fees, lunch and six raffle tickets.

Side games and mulligans will be available at additional costs.

Teams are also encouraged to dress up in a theme to try win the Team Spirit Award.

All proceeds will help fund scholarships for local students.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 23.

For more information or to register call (541) 481-3014.

— East Oregonian

BULLDOGS: Hermiston opens second half hot to take the lead

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and 13 total points in the first half.

“We just weren’t competing in the first half,” Hoffert said. “We were playing on our heels and were looking to rush into shots like the game was running out of time.”

But in the third quarter, the Bulldogs finally woke up. Hermiston busted out of the break on a 14-6 run to take its first lead of the game at 27-26 at the 3:50 mark of the third. The Bulldogs shot 8-15 (53 percent) from the field and 5-10 from 3-point range in the quarter to take a 35-31 lead into the final frame.

But in the fourth quarter, the Spartans were the ones to take control of the momentum. Corvallis (21-5) nailed two 3-pointers in the

opening minute to take a 37-35 lead, which Hermiston answered with a 3-pointer of its own by Hayden Meyers to re-take a 38-37 lead.

But just 10 seconds later, Corvallis jumped ahead again on yet another 3-pointer by the Spartans for a 40-38 lead that they would not relinquish.

“We were fighting an uphill battle the entire game, and it took a lot out of us,” Hoffert said. “We got out of sync and couldn’t find the rhythm again in the fourth.”

Seniors Sara Ramirez and Jansen Edmiston led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13 points and 12 points respectively, while Hayden Meyers had six points. Hermiston shot 15-40 (37 percent) for the game and 9-27 (33 percent) from 3-point range, while Corvallis

shot 18-41 (44 percent) and 7-10 from three (70 percent).

The Bulldogs now play today at 9 a.m. against Bend, with the winner moving on to play for fourth place on Saturday. Hoffert said that on paper the Lava Bears don’t appear to be the challenge that Corvallis was, but that doesn’t mean it will be an easy win.

“They’re here for a reason,” he said. “They’re playing well at the right time and they beat who they needed to beat to get here, so we have to go out tomorrow and play our game as hard as we can.”

HHS (22-4) 5 8 22 5 — 40
CHS (21-5) 14 6 11 17 — 48

HERMISTON — S. Ramirez 13, J. Edmiston 12, H. Meyers 6, M. Juul 4, S. Gilbert 3, K. Padilla 2, R. Andreason.

CORVALLIS — A. Vallancey-Martins 12, T. Hurley 11, A. Dursch-Smith 10, G. Corbin 6, S. Joss 6, E. Harding 3, L. Beck.

3-pointers — HHS 9, CHS 7. Free throws — HHS 1-3, CHS 5-6. Fouls — HHS 13, CHS 9.

Pro Football
Seattle makes offers to eight restricted free agents

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks have tendered contracts to eight restricted and exclusive rights free agents, but did not tender offers to running back Christine Michael, guard Alvin Bailey and fullback Derrick Coleman.

Seattle announced its tenders on Wednesday and included defensive backs DeShawn Shead, Marcus Burley, Steven Terrell and Mohammed Seisay; linebacker Eric Pinkins and tight end Cooper Helfet.

Seattle’s decision not to tender Michael leaves the Seahawks thin at running back. Michael was re-signed late last season after Thomas Rawls suffered a season-ending ankle injury. Michael started two regular-season games and Seattle’s wild-card victory over Minnesota before the return of Marshawn Lynch.

Bailey has been a versatile backup on the offensive line playing both guard and tackle. Coleman has been a starter at fullback, but prosecutors are still reviewing charging recommendations after he was involved in an October hit-and-run accident.

FREE AGENCY: Johnson follows his heart, signs with Carolina at reduced salary

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“While we did offer a very competitive and fair long-term contract to Brock, we ultimately had to remain disciplined while continuing to assemble a roster that can compete for championships.”

Oswieiler appeared in eight games with seven starts last season for the Broncos. He started the last seven games of the regular season, but was benched in favor of Manning for the postseason.

But the 6-foot-7, 240-pound quarterback showed enough in that short stint after spending his first three pro seasons on the bench behind Manning that the Texans went all-in.

Carolina, which fell 24-10 to Denver in the Super Bowl, meanwhile retained All-Pro fullback Mike Tolbert and re-signed defensive end Charles Johnson to a lower salary Wednesday.

All-Pro running back Martin re-signed with the Buccaneers for five years.

Center Mack chose Atlanta over Cleveland in other major moves.

Murray, the 2014 Offensive Player of the Year with Dallas, spent a fruitless season in Philadelphia and was traded Wednesday to the Titans. The teams swapped fourth-rounders, but the Eagles cleared Murray’s hefty contract from the books.

Johnson, cut last week, received a one-year contract worth \$3 million to return to the NFC champions, according to his agent, Drew Rosenhaus. He said Johnson turned down an offer in excess of \$6 million from another team.

Johnson, 29, would have cost the Panthers \$15 million in 2016 under the cap before he was cut.

“My heart was in Carolina,” he said. “Once you put all that energy into it, I feel like I would have been wasting all that work had I gone somewhere else for some dollars. I’d rather be happy doing what I’m doing around

people that I know, and I’m comfortable with. I can’t wait to get back to work.”

Johnson has played nine seasons with Carolina and his 63½ sacks are second most in franchise history, behind Julius Peppers’ 81.

Tolbert also said he accepted fewer bucks to return to Carolina.

The top player at his position on the market, Martin will get more than \$35 million, with \$15 million guaranteed, from the Buccaneers. Martin, 27, has had two outstanding seasons with the Buccaneers and two injury-filled years. In 2015, he rushed for 1,402 yards, second in the NFL, and six touchdowns. His 4.87-yard average was the highest in team history.

“I’ve always saw myself as a Buc. I didn’t think I was going anywhere else,” Martin said.

Indianapolis released veteran receiver Andre Johnson.

Johnson was a mainstay in Houston for 12 years,

making two All-Pro teams. But he was a disappointment with the Colts in his only season in Indy with 41 catches for 503 yards and four touchdowns. He caught 1,053 passes for 14,100 yards and 68 touchdowns, often as the only true receiving option for the Texans.

Mack, 30, opted out of his deal with the Browns and gets five years from the Falcons, who have had instability at center since longtime starter Todd McClure retired following the 2012 season.

“Competition is the central theme of the program and the way he plays, man, does he represent that,” Falcons coach Dan Quinn said.

Headed to Miami was DE Mario Williams, and his signing after being released by Buffalo led to the Dolphins removing the transition tag from Olivier Vernon, who then agreed to terms with the Giants. The transition tag was for \$12.734 million; Williams got \$17 million over two years from Miami.

The 2006 No. 1 overall pick struggled last season in Rex Ryan’s defense with the Bills, and even criticized how he was used.

“You have bumpy roads,” said Williams 31. “We all do. There’s nobody that can go out there and have a smooth path that is perfect. But I can honestly say that road is still going. We haven’t hit the end in the road, and that’s what gives me so much excitement.”

The Dolphins released cornerback Brent Grimes and finalized a trade to acquire cornerback Byron Maxwell and linebacker Kiko Alonso from the Eagles. Philly sends the 13th overall choice in April’s draft and gets the eighth overall selection.

Also:

—Star tight end Antonio Gates is remaining in San Diego with a two-year deal that will allow him to retire as a Charger. He’ll get \$12 million, with \$6 million guaranteed, to keep his terrific combination with quarter-

back Philip Rivers going. The 2016 season will be Gates’ 14th with the Chargers. He signed as a rookie free agent in 2003 after starring in basketball at Kent State. He turns 36 on June 18.

San Diego also agreed to terms with Seattle DT Brandon Mebane, S Dwight Lowery and WR-KR Travis Benjamin.

—Linebacker Rolando McClain is returning for a third season in Dallas. The 26-year-old McClain got one year at \$5 million. He also has been with Oakland and Baltimore.

—Tight end Benjamin Watson, coming off a productive season in New Orleans, joined Baltimore.

—The Giants significantly strengthened their porous defense by adding DT Damon Harrison from the Jets and CB Janoris Jenkins from the Rams.

—Jacksonville agreed to terms with Cleveland safety Tashaun Gipson and Jets running back Chris Ivory.

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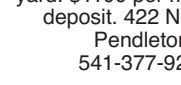
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