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Nyquist draws No. 13 post as early 3-1 Derby favorite

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Nyquist has been made the early 3-1 favorite for the 142nd Kentucky Derby, with Exaggerator the second choice in the full field of 20 horses.



Trained by Doug O'Neill, Nyquist is undefeated in seven career races. The colt drew the No. 13 post on Wednesday. Four horses have won from there since 1900, most recently Smarty Jones in 2004. O'Neill, jockey Mario Gutierrez and owner Paul Reddam teamed to win the race in 2012 with I'll Have Another.

Exaggerator drew the No. 11 post and is 8-1 for the 1 1/4-mile race Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Creator, Gun Runner and Mohaymen are the co-third choices at 10-1.

Coyotes to promote 26-year-old Chayka to GM

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Coyotes will promote 26-year-old John Chayka to general manager, making him the youngest GM in NHL history, a

person familiar with the situation said Wednesday.

The Coyotes have scheduled a news conference Thursday to introduce Chayka, the

person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the official announcement has not been made.

Chayka will replace Don Maloney, who was fired on April 11 after nine seasons as GM. Chayka will be younger than 13 players on Arizona's current roster and will surpass Gord Stellick, who was 30 when he was hired by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1988, as the youngest GM in league history.

"Through all of this review there has never been any evidence of inappropriate conduct by coach (Joe) Paterno."

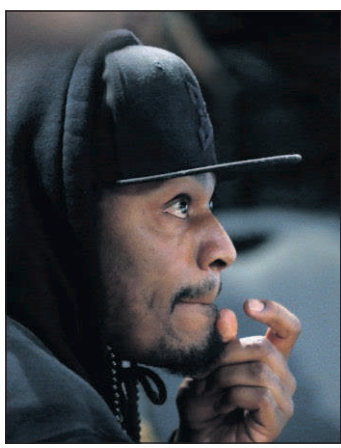
— Wick Sollers

family attorney in response to a decision by Philadelphia Judge Gary Glazer in a case to determine insurance coverage for settlements with victims of former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky. Insurers claim a boy told longtime head coach Joe Paterno in 1976 that he had been molested by Sandusky, and Glazer wrote in his decision that no evidence exists to suggest Paterno ever reported the incident. Paterno did report Sandusky to university higher-ups in 2001, and repeatedly denied earlier knowledge of his actions before his death in 2012.

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Marshawn Lynch, a former NFL football running back with the Seattle Seahawks, waits to be introduced Thursday at a job fair in Seattle sponsored by the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren



Pro Football

Beast Mode goes silent

Seattle puts Lynch on retired list

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Beast Mode is in retirement mode. The Seattle Seahawks placed

running back Marshawn Lynch on the NFL's reserve/retired list on Thursday, making official what was implied in February when Lynch indicated he was ready to end his football career.

The star running back was placed on the list Thursday. It was a procedural step, but one that needed to be taken to make

Lynch's intended retirement official.

Lynch stole attention from the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl in February when he posted a picture on Twitter with a pair of green football cleats hanging from a telephone or electrical wire. His See LYNCH/2B

Prep Golf

Bucks, Bulldogs ready to tee off at regionals



EO file photo/E.J. Harris

In this April 5, 2016 file photo, Pendleton senior Reilly Hegarty tees off on the first hole at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino golf course in Mission.

Boys' state qualifier begins today in Redmond



EO file photo/E.J. Harris

In this April 5, 2016 file photo, Pendleton junior Haley Greb chips her ball out of a bunker on the 12th hole at Wildhorse Resort & Casino golf course in Mission.

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

It's now or never for the Pendleton boys' golf team.

At least, that's the way the Buckaroos are looking at their state title hopes as they prepare to take the first big step toward that goal today in the first round of the 36-hole District 2 Regional Championships in Redmond.

"We won't really have many chances after this year because we're losing Reilly (Hegarty) and Sam (Kung)," said Pendleton junior Nathan Som at a practice earlier this season. "I feel like we know we can be one of the better teams in the state, if we can just perform like that at tournaments."

See GOLF/3B

HERMISTON

Carter makes history with BMCC

Hermiston senior first to sign with Blue Mountain women's soccer

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Hermiston High School senior Tyra Carter has dreamt of playing soccer at the collegiate level ever since she was 7 years old.

On April 29, Carter's dream came true — and she also made history in doing so.

Carter signed her National Letter of Intent to play soccer for Blue Mountain Community College, becoming the first-ever recruit to sign with the brand-new program as it prepares to kick off its inaugural season in the fall of 2016. Carter said she is very excited for the opportunity.

See CARTER/2B

"This whole team will be a part of history no matter what, and it's cool to be a part of it."

— Tyra Carter,

Hermiston High School senior and first player to sign with the BMCC women's soccer team.

NBA Playoffs

Lillard gets tested by Warriors, looks for rebound

Trail Blazers undeterred by slow start to series with Golden State

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — First it was a chest cold, then it was a fourth-quarter dry spell. The start of Damian Lillard's playoff series against the Golden State Warriors has been rough.

And as Lillard goes, often the rest of the Trail Blazers follow.

Portland is down 2-0 in its Western Conference semifinal series against the defending NBA champions. And it certainly won't get much easier when the series shifts north Saturday — even though

presumptive league MVP Stephen Curry is unlikely to return from a knee injury.

But Lillard and his team have a history of stepping up after getting knocked down. In fact, that's been the theme of their whole season.

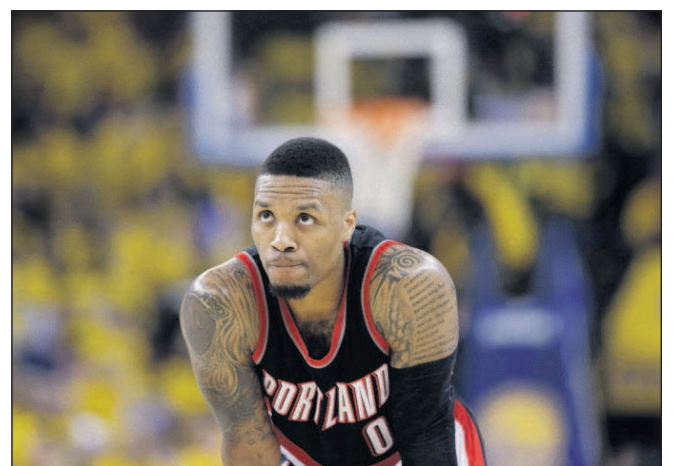
"I know the kind of guys I'm running with. Besides that, we've answered the call all season long. We've been in bad positions time and time again, and we've never shied away. We've never not answered the call. I don't see why this time it would be any different," he said.

Lillard, who averaged 25.1 points and 6.8 assists during the regular season, scored 25 points in the Blazers' 110-99

See LILLARD/2B

Game 3

- Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
- at Portland
- TV: ABC
- Golden State leads series 2-0



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Portland Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard pauses during free throws during the second half in Game 2 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Golden State Warriors Tuesday in Oakland, Calif.

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