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Prep Football

Local athletes ready for Shrine Game



Sam Barbee Photo

In this Sept. 12, 2015 file photo, Enterprise's Trent Walker (3) squares to meet Irrigon's Freddy Vera (21) in the hole during the Knights' 53-0 win. Vera is one of five area athletes headed to the East-West Shrine Game next week.

Five locals to represent the East

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

When recent Irrigon graduate Freddy Vera found out he was selected to participate in the prestigious Oregon East-West Shrine All-Star football game in early February, he was already counting down the days until he could strap

up one more time. "To be able to strap on the pads and helmet one last time there isn't a better feeling," Vera said of the selection. "My friends, coaches, and family get to see me play one last time. Not a lot of people get to experience this and I'm glad I get to. This is what I've always wanted to do is play in this game and finally I get to on Aug. 6th."

The Shrine Game, now in its 64th year of operation, is just one week away and several other local athletes are also chomping at the bit to play with some teammates

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

In this Nov. 17, 2015 file photo, Heppner's C.J. Kinde runs the ball in the Mustangs' win over Reedsport.

PGA Championship

Walker shoots 65 for Round 1 lead

Johnson, McIlroy among top players to struggle on Thursday

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. — A stale year for Jimmy Walker came to life Thursday in the PGA Championship when he saw putts drop and wound up leading a major for the first time in his career.

A great year might get even better for Henrik Stenson.

Walker took advantage of smoother greens in the morning Thursday at Baltusrol by rolling in six birdies for a 5-under 65, giving him a one-shot lead after the opening round of the final major that delivered its share of



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Jimmy Walker watches his chip shot to the third green during the first round of the PGA Championship tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J., Thursday, July 28, 2016.

surprises.

U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson, with a chance to go

No. 1 in the world, was in the trees, in the water and couldn't get out of a bunker. He managed

PGA Championship

Leaderboard

- 1) Jimmy Walker (-5)
- T2) Emiliano Grillo (-4)
- T2) Ross Fisher (-4)
- T2) Martin Kaymer (-4)

Also

- T9) Rickie Fowler (-2)
- T9) Jason Day (-2)
- T36) Jordan Spieth (E)
- T55) Phil Mickelson (+1)
- T55) Bubba Watson (+1)
- T120) Rory McIlroy (+4)
- T143) Dustin Johnson (+7)

only one birdie in a round of 77 that wasn't enough to beat 15 of the club pros at Baltusrol.

He wasn't alone in his misery. Rory McIlroy took 35 putts and didn't make a single birdie in his round of 74 that left him so

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NFL

Seahawks GM elated with team progress

Schneider grateful for opportunity to keep building a winner

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Every so often, John Schneider will see what's happening with other franchises around the NFL and his personal appreciation for what's taken place during his tenure as general manager in Seattle is reinforced.

Schneider knows what's happened here over the past six seasons is unique. It's why he agreed to a contract extension last week that will keep him employed by the Seahawks through the 2021 season.

"It always fluctuates and changes with different ownership groups, but this is clearly a top-3, top-5 team in terms of ownership in the league and obviously we're biased so we would say it's (No.) 1," Schneider said Thursday. "Like I said, having a strong owner and a strong president is extremely important."

Schneider spoke with reporters as the Seahawks were preparing to begin training camp Saturday. The team

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Schneider

Soccer



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

MLS All-Stars' Kendall Waston, bottom, of the Vancouver Whitecaps, makes a slide tackle under Arsenal's Theo Walcott during the second half of the MLS All-Star soccer game Thursday, July 28, 2016, in San Jose, Calif. Arsenal won 2-1.

Arsenal tops MLS all-stars

Late goal vaults one of England's best into All-Star Game victory

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Chuba Akpom scored the deciding goal in the 87th minute from about 4 yards out on a cross from the left side by Nacho Monreal, and Arsenal topped the MLS All-Stars 2-1 in the Major League Soccer All-Star Game on Thursday.

Once Arsenal's young substitutes



got going after entering midway through the second half, the scoring chances came.

Moments before halftime, Montreal's Didier Drogba scored on his third try following two deflections in one quick sequence for MLS to notch it at 1.

Drogba's first attempt ricocheted off goalkeeper Petr Cech then the

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Sports shorts

Lee ties tournament record at Women's British Open

WOBURN, England (AP) — Mirim Lee equaled the lowest-ever round at the Women's British Open by shooting a 10-under 62 Thursday to take the lead on the opening day.

The South Korean had 10 birdies as she secured a three-stroke advantage over Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand, who carded a bogey-free round of 65 at Woburn Golf Club.

Lee matched Minea Blomqvist's 10-under 62 in the third round of the 2004 British Open at Sunningdale.

Lee says "it was probably one of my best ever rounds, although I still had some errant shots. I played every hole in a similar fashion, hitting fairways and greens. My best ever score was an 11 under par in LPGA qualifying."

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Lee

"I definitely think I'm a different person. If you haven't changed over a period of time, that's a bad thing. I think me standing here is a testament to that ... I have a great support staff here, more so than I've ever felt before."

— Josh Gordon

The embattled Cleveland Browns wide receiver spoke to the media for the first time on Thursday since being reinstated from his one-year suspension from the NFL for substance abuse.

NCAA recommends just one live-contact practice per week

(AP) — The NCAA football oversight committee recommended Division I football programs hold only one "live-contact" practice per week.

The current guidelines, which are not enforceable rules, allow two live practices per week. The new guidelines announced Wednesday will take effect this season.

Live practices are defined as those that involve tackling to the ground and full-contact blocking, and can occur in full or half pads. Live contact does not include thudding, when players are not taken to the ground.

The Ivy League announced earlier this season that it would eliminate live tackling in practice, and even at the FBS level teams rarely have live tackling in practice.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1986 — The United States Football League wins and loses in its lawsuit against the National Football League. The jury finds that the NFL violated antitrust laws, as the USFL claimed, but awards the USFL only \$1 in damages.

2008 — Disgraced ex-NBA official Tim Donaghy admits that he'd brought shame on his profession as a federal judge sentenced him to 15 months behind bars for a gambling scandal.

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