## Seahawks agree to deals with Willson, Shead

By TIM BOOTH Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. The Seattle Seahawks are bringing back two of their own free agents, agreeing to terms Friday on new deals with tight end Luke Willson and cornerback DeShawn Shead.

Shead's deal is for one year and worth up to \$1.5 million with \$1 million guaranteed, but it's not as much as he likely would have received if not for a torn ACL suffered in Seattle's playoff loss to Atlanta in January. Terms of Willson's deal were not immediately available.

Seattle also signed former Jacksonville, Baltimore and New York Jets linebacker Arthur Brown for additional depth and help on special teams. Brown likely takes the role of backup linebacker previously filled by Brock Coyle, who was signed by San Francisco in free agency.

Willson and have spent their entire careers with the Seahawks. Willson was a fifth-round draft pick in 2013 and has caught 74 passes and seven touchdowns in 56 career regular-season games.

Shead was signed by Seattle as an undrafted free agent who developed into a starting cornerback opposite Richard Sherman last season. He was a restricted free agent entering the offseason but was not tendered a contract and became an unrestricted free agent when the new league year began earlier this

But his value on the market was tied to his knee injury and the expectation that he will not be ready when the 2017 season begins in September. While Buffalo had reached out, Shead ultimately decided to remain in Seattle.

Shead played well last season with 81 tackles, 14 passes defensed and one interception — of New England QB Tom Brady in the regular season.

Willson has just 32 total catches in the regular season the past two seasons as he was hampered by injuries and the arrival of Jimmy Graham as Seattle's primary target at tight end. His best season was 2014 when Willson had 22 catches for 362 yards and three TDs in the regular season.

**Men's NCAA Tournament** 

**SPORTS** 

# Hot-shooting Michigan beats Oklahoma State

Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS** Derrick Walton Jr. scored 26 points and Michigan made 16 3-pointers Friday to hold off Oklahoma State 92-91 in the first round of the Midwest Regional.

seventh-seeded The Wolverines (25-11) set a school record for 3s in an NCAA Tournament game. They have won six straight — five since a frightening plane mishap on the way to last week's Big Ten Tourna-

Juwan Evans scored 23 points to lead the 10th-seeded Cowboys (20-13), who finished the season with four consecutive losses.

#### RHODE ISLAND 84, **CREIGHTON 72**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jeff Dowtin scored a career-high 23 points with a perfect day at the free-throw line, upstart Rhode Island answered every threat and the Rams ran right into the next round of the NCAA Tournament by stunning cold-shooting No. 6 seed Creighton 84-72 on Friday in an opener of the Midwest Region.

Kuran Iverson scored 17 points and Hassan Martin had 12 points and eight rebounds as 11th-seeded



Michigan guard Derrick Walton Jr. (10) celebrates after Michigan defeated Oklahoma State 92-91 in a first-round game in the men's NCAA college basketball tournament in Indianapolis on Friday.

Rhode Island (25-9) earned its ninth straight victory. The program won an NCAA Tournament game for the first time since advancing to the Elite Eight and losing to Stanford in 1998.

Ronnie Harrell Jr. scored a career-high 15 points in Creighton's 40-percent shooting day.

Some other notable games from Friday's firstround action:

#### **ARKANSAS SETON HALL 71**

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Jaylen Barford hit the go-ahead layup with 57.8 seconds left to help Arkansas hold off Seton Hall 77-71 on Friday in the first round of

the NCAA Tournament.

Barford had 12 of his 20 points after halftime for the Razorbacks (26-9), the No. 8 seed in the South Region. That included his layup off Khadeen Carrington's turnover at the other end, pushing Arkansas ahead for good as the Razorbacks scored the game's final seven points.

#### WICHITA STATE 64, DAYTON 58

**INDIANAPOLIS** Wichita State's high-flying offense didn't get off the ground until the closing minutes, when the Shockers played like the more tournament-experienced team and pulled away to a 64-58

Friday night.

The 10th-seeded Shockers (31-4) won their 16th in a row — the second-longest streak in school history — by clamping down on defense and swatting away shots down the stretch. Wichita State blocked eight shots and held the seventh-seeded Flyers (24-8) to a season-low 31 percent from the field.

#### UCLA 97, KENT STATE 80

SACRAMENTO, Calif. TJ Leaf scored 23 points, Thomas Welsh added 16 and UCLA pulled away late for a 97-80 victory over scrappy Kent State on Friday night in the NCAA Tournament South Region.

UCLA (30-4) jumped out to a 14-point lead in the opening minutes, only to have its defensive issues rise up again. The third-seeded Bruins had numerous breakdowns and let Kent State claw back into it by halftime, eventually stretching the lead midway through the second half.

Kent State (22-14) appeared shell shocked in its first NCAA Tournament since 2008, falling into a deep early hole.

Jaylin Walker had 23 points and Jimmy Hall Jr. added 20 for Kent State.

# PREPS: Heppner boys golf wins at Echo Hills

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in the seventh for the save. Starter Bryson Pierce also lasted 3 1/3 and threw 90 pitches before leaving with five strikeouts, six walks, four hits and seven runs allowed

The Rockets were led at the plate by Pierce who went 3 for 5 with two RBI and two runs. Postma and Chris Weinke were 2 for 3 with one RBI each.

Thieme took the start in Game 2, and gave himself an early 2-0 lead by driving in Weinke on a first-inning home run. It wouldn't last though, and Joseph reliever Christopher Nobles came on in the fifth to close out the win. Cody Hill had Pilot Rock's other two hits in the

The Rockets' next game is Tuesday at Irrigon at 4 p.m.

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#### **GOLF** THE DALLES — The Pendleton boys were able to clean up their putting in their second round in as many

at The Dalles Country Club with 361. Nathan Som shot an 81 to earn fifth medalist and lead the Buckaroos, and Jared

days, and came in second

each shot 92. Trever Reyes shot 96 to round out the team score, and Avery Madril came in with a

Geier and Brayden Pulver

The Dalles won the team title with a 317.

Next up for the Bucks is 18 holes at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla next Thursday.

ECHO — Heppner beat Enterprise by 25 strokes to win the boys team title at the Echo Hills Golf Tournament on Friday. Heppner shot 361 led by

Logan Grieb with an 84 and Daniel Bretsch with an 87.

Grieb tied for first medalist honors with Enterprise's Boone Herrod and Bretsch tied for third with Enterprise's Brycen Locke.

The Heppner girls also won the team title, beating Pendleton JV 444-532.

Sophie Grant was first medalist with an 86 for the Mustangs, and Wallowa's Tori Suto was second with a

Heppner boys (361) — Logan Grieb, 84; Daniel Bretsch, 84; Reno Ferguson, 100; Kellen Grant, 92; Jake Lindsay, 98. Heppner boys JV (431) — Logan Burright, 97; Cason Mitchell, 104; Charles Cason, 127; Casey Fletcher, 103; Wyatt McNary,

Echo boys (480) — Ian Falkner, 104; Kyle Ranger, 103; James Stradly, 129; Logan Butler, 144.

Hermiston JV (408) — Garrett M, 100; Kaleb C., 98; Cody T., 107; Ty K., 103; Eli

Kerrigon, 108. Pendleton JV (420) — Seth Wood 93;

Pendleton JV (420) — Seth Wood 93; Sawyer Powell, 111; Zech Cyr, 120; Kaden Murphy, 108; Reese Shippentower, 108. Heppner girls (444) — Sophie Grant 86; Nicole Propheter, 119; Claire Grieb, 117; Madison Combe, 123; Cairlyn Scrivner, 122. Hermiston girls JV — Kennedy Keith 135; Leslie Browning, 125; Jenna Holt, 133. Pendleton girls JV (532) — Trinity Treloar, 124; Miah Rueber, 131; Kendall Blair, 119; Jariah Alexander, 158. Lariah Alexander, 158.

## SOFTBALL

**RIVERSIDE** 19-15, ELGIN 1-2 — At Elgin, Skylar Wightman picked up two wins in the circle and hit a three-run home run in the first half of a doubleheader sweep by the Pirates to open their 2017 season. Emily Kirby added four

RBIs in the 19-1 opener (both game went just five innings) and coach Jordan Mittelsdorf said it was a great way to welcome eight freshmen to the varsity level.

"There were definitely some smiling faces, it was a confidence boost for sure,"

Sadie Hasbell aslo drove in two, and Xenia Velasco was 2-for-3 with a double.

Bianca Avalos her first taste of varsity pitching before giving way to Wightman in the second game, and Abby Hernandez led the offense with three

Riverside's next game is Monday at Waitsburg (WA) at 4 p.m.

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## **DUCKS:** Will face Rhode Island on Sunday

hard under Oregon's basket, screaming in pain and grabbing his lower left leg with 1:12 to go before halftime. But the senior forward returned to start the second half and finished with 22 points on 10-for-16 shooting and 11 rebounds in his final college game for

Boucher was relegated to a cheerleading role for the Ducks, who shared the Pac-12 regular-season crown with Arizona then lost by three points to the Wildcats in the conference tournament final after Boucher tore his left ACL

Boucher shimmied his shoulders during a timeout and carefully stood from his chair to pump his fist and root for his guys, hardly the kind of finish he envisioned for his final collegiate

He brought energy on both ends to lead the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champs, driving for a pretty spin move with 11:46 left in the first half then taking a charge from Dorsey moments later. He

then drew another one. Washington scored 14 of his team's initial 18 points, but Oregon led 55-37 at

Sam Cassell Jr., son of the former NBA star, scored 16 points in his final collegiate game. He pumped his arms and kicked out a leg when Oregon called timeout after Iona pulled to 29-26 with 8:35 to play in the first half on consecutive 3s by Cassell and E.J. Crawford.

Jordan Bell delivered back-to-back layins as the Ducks answered, then his putback with 4:27 left in the half extended Oregon's lead to 41-33.

### **BIG PICTURE**

Oregon: The Ducks have won at least one NCAA game in five straight years. ... In the first half, Bell became the school's career NCAA Tournament rebounding leader, passing former teammate Elgin Cook's 49. ... Brooks moved into fourth place on the Ducks' single-season

### **UP NEXT**

Oregon advances to play Sunday against No. 11 Rhode Island.

### SCOREBOARD

## **Local Slate**

Game 2

PREP BASEBALL Saturday Pendleton vs. Oak Harbor (WA) (at Hanford), 11 a.m. Stanfield at DeSales (WA), 11 a.m. Elgin at Mac-Hi, Noon Elgin at Mac-Hi, Noon Pendleton at Hanford (WA), 2 p.m. La Salle at Hermiston, 2 p.m.

Monday Mac-Hi at DeSales (WA), 4 p.m. Tuesday Union at Umatilla, 4 p.m. Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 4 p.m. Riverside at Dayton (WA), 4 p.m. Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m. La Grande at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

### PREP SOFTBALL

Saturday Waitsburg (WA) at Irrigon (DH), 11 a.m./1

Pilot Rock at Echo, 11 a.m. Hillsboro at Hermiston, Noon St. Helens at Pendleton, Noon

Monday Heppner at Umatilla (2), 2/4 p.m. Riverside at Waitsburg (WA), 3 p.m. Tuesday Elgin at Echo (2), 1/3 p.m. Dayton at Riverside, 4 p.m. La Grande at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

Saturday Prairie Baseball Academy at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m. Sunday Green River at Blue Mountain (DH), 11

#### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Saturday Great Falls at Eastern Oregon (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
North Idaho at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.

### **Recent Scores**

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Spokane 16, Blue Mountain 4 Spokane 14, Blue Mountain 6 Eastern Oregon 3, Great Falls 2 Eastern Oregon 3, Great Falls 2

## Basketball

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Milwaukee	34	34 .500 111/2				
Miami	34	35 .493 12				
Detroit	33	36 .478 13				
Chicago	32	37 .464 14				
Charlotte	29	39 .426 161/2				
New York	27	42 .391 19				
Philadelphia	25	43 .368 201/2				
Orlando	25	45 .357 211/2				
Brooklyn	13	55 .191 321/2				
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Kansas vs. Michigan State, 2:15 p.m. At Golden 1 Center Sacramento, Calif. Oregon vs. Rhode Island, 4:10 p.m.

West Virginia vs. Notre Dame, 9:10 a.m.

Orlando, Fla.
Florida State vs. Xavier, 3:10 p.m.
At Vivint Smart Home Arena

Arizona vs. Saint Mary's, 4:45 p.m

NCAA Women's Tournament BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL

UConn vs. Albany (NY), 8 a.m. Syracuse vs. Iowa State, 10:30 a.m

**Friday** South Carolina 90, UNC-Asheville 40

Arizona State 73, Michigan State 61 Missouri 66, South Florida 64

Florida State 87, Western Illinois 66 Oregon State 56, Long Beach State 55 Creighton 76, Toledo 49

**Saturday** At Coral Gables, Fla. Marquette vs. Quinnipiac, 10:30 a.m.

Miami vs. Florida Gulf Coast, 1 p.m Second Round

South Carolina vs. Arizona State

Pittsburgh 6, New Jersey 4 Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, SO Calgary 3, Dallas 1 Buffalo 2, Anaheim 1, SO

Colorado at Detroit, 10 a.m. Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, 10 a.m.

Washington at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m. Nashville at Carolina, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 4 p.m.

Montreal at Ottawa, 4 p.m.

Chicago at Toronto, 4 p.m.

St. Louis at Arizona, 6 p.m

Baseball

Vancouver at Edmonton, 7 p.m. Anaheim at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

World Baseball Classic SECOND ROUND

NHL

Sunday At Columbia, S.C.

At Tallahassee, Fla Missouri vs. Florida State Corvallis, Ore. Oregon State vs. Creighton

**Hockey** 

Friday's Games

Saturday's Games

At Los Angeles
UCLA vs. Boise State, 3:30 p.m.
Texas A&M vs. Penn, 6 p.m.
At Durham, N.C.

Temple vs. Oregon, 3:30 p.m. Duke vs. Hampton, 6 p.m.

STOCKTON REGIONAL

Salt Lake City Gonzaga vs. Northwestern, 2:15 p.m.

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Friday's Games Philadelphia 116, Dallas 74
Washington 112, Chicago 107
Boston 98, Brooklyn 95
Toronto 87, Detroit 75
Miami 123, Minnesota 105

New Orleans 128, Houston 112 Orlando 109, Phoenix 103 Milwaukee 107, L.A. Lakers 103

Saturday's Games
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, Noon Portland at Atlanta, 3 p.m. Vashington at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Utah at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

#### NCAA **NCAA** Tournament

EAST REGIONAL Second Round Saturday At KeyBank Center

Buffalo, N.Y. Villanova vs. Wisconsin, 11:45 a.m. At Amway Center Orlando, Fla. Florida vs. Virginia, 5:45 p.m.

**Sunday** At Bon Secours Wellness Arena Greenville, S.C.
Duke vs. South Carolina, 5:45 p.m.
At BOK Center Tulsa, Okla. Baylor vs. Southern Cal, 4:45 p.m.

#### SOUTH REGIONAL Second Round Saturday At BMO Harris Bradley Center

Milwaukee Butler vs. Middle Tennessee, 4:10 p.m. Sunday
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C. North Carolina vs. Arkansas, 3:10 p.m.

At Bankers Life Fieldhouse Indianapolis Kentucky vs. Wichita State, 11:45 a.m. At Golden 1 Center Sacramento, Calif. UCLA vs. Cincinnati, 6:45 p.m. MIDWEST REGIONAL

Second Round Saturday At BMO Harris Bradley Center Milwaukee Purdue (26-7) vs. Iowa State (24-10), Sunday
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis

Louisville vs. Michigan, 9:10 a.m.

At BOK Center

WEST REGIONAL

Second Round Saturday At KeyBank Center Buffalo, N.Y.

At Amway Center

First Round

Saturday At Storrs, Conn.

Friday At College Park, Md.

Maryland 103, Bucknell 61 West Virginia 75, Elon 62

**Pool F** At Petco Park San Diego L Pct GB Puerto Rico 01.000 11.000 10.000

Thursday Dominican Republic 3, Venezuela 0

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Puerto Rico 6, United States 5
Saturday
Puerto Rico vs. Venezuela, 12:30 p.m. Dominican Republic vs. United States

### **Tennis**

Paribas Open Results

Friday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men, \$6.99 million (Masters 1000); Women, \$6.99 million (Premier) Singles

Men Quarterfinals Roger Federer (9), Switzerland, def. Nick Kyrgios (15), Australia, walkover. Jack Sock (17), United States, def. Kei Nishikori (4), Japan, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 Women Semifinals
Elena Vesnina (14), Russia, def. Kristina

Mladenovic (28), France, 6-3, 6-4.

## Semifinals Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Marcelo Melo (8), Brazil, def. Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (4), Brazil, 3-6, 7-5, 10-5. Golf

**Doubles** 

PGA Tour Arnold Palmer Invitational

Friday
At Bay Hill Lodge & Resort
Orlando, Fla.
Purse: \$8.7 million Yardage: 7,419; Par 72 (36-36) Second Round Charley Hoffman Emiliano Grillo Matthew Fitzpatrick 68-66-134

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70-67-137

#### **Motorsports** NASCAR

Camping World 500

Lineup Race Sunday, 12:30 p.m. (TV: FOX) At Phoenix Raceway (Car number in parentheses) 1. (22) Joey Logano, Ford 2. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford 3. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet 4. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet 5. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet 6. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford 7. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet

# scare when he went down

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the Gaels (22-13).

in the semifinals.

Oregon, which had its 27-point lead trimmed to 13 in the second half before holding on, shot 63.6 percent with only three turnovers in the first half to take control, began the second half with a 10-1 burst and went 55.6 percent from the floor overall.

season.

For Iona, Washington limped off with help just before halftime at first-year Golden 1 Center, home of the NBA Sacramento Kings.

scoring list.

# OF THE WEEK

#### Caden Smith **Pendleton**

Senior Basketball

Smith scored 46 points

in three games to go with 15 rebounds and 11 assists to lead Pendleton to a fourth-place finish at the OSAA 5A Basketball State Championships last week. He was named to the All-Tournament Second Team.



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