

# NFL Seahawks agree to deals with Willson, Shead

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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 Shead 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 month.

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 defended 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

# Hot-shooting Michigan beats Oklahoma State

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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.

The seventh-seeded 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 Tournament.

Juwon 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



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**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 first-round action:

**ARKANSAS 77, 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

victory over Dayton on 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 half-time, 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 game.

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

Game 1	EHS	PHRS	R	H	E
220303	0	11	10	8	1
013610	X	11	12	1	1

C. Bathke and G. Ramsden, B. Pierce, B. Postma (4), L. Thieme and C. Weinke, W — Postma, L — Bathke.  
2B — R. Hayward, C. Nobles (JHS), HR — C. Bathke.

Game 2	JHS	PR	R	H	E
003020	0	5	7	0	1
201001	0	5	3	1	0

G. Ramsden, C. Nobles (5) and R.

Hayward, L. Thieme, C. Weinke (7) and C. Weinke, B. Pierce, W — Nobles, L — Thieme.  
2B — G. Ramsden, R. Hayward (JHS), HR — L. Thieme

## GOLF

**THE DALLES** — The Pendleton boys were able to clean up their putting in their second round in as many days, and came in second at The Dalles Country Club with 361.

Nathan Som shot an 81 to earn fifth medalist and lead the Buckaroos, and Jared Geier and Brayden Pulver each shot 92.

Trever Reyes shot 96 to round out the team score, and Avery Madril came in with a 108.

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 Allowa's Tori Suto was second with a 92.

Heppner boys (361) — Logan Grieb, 84; Daniel Bretsch, 84; Reno Ferguson, 100; Kellen Grant, 92; Jake Lindsay, 98.  
Heppner girls (431) — Logan Burright, 97; Cason Mitchell, 104; Charles Cason, 127; Casey Fletcher, 103; Wyatt McNary, 138.

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 Kerrigan, 108.

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 Prophet, 119; Claire Grieb, 117; Madison Combe, 123; Caitlyn Scribner, 122.  
Hermiston girls JV — Kennedy Keith 135; Leslie Browning, 125; Jenna Holt, 133.  
Pendleton girls JV (532) — Trinity Treloar, 124; Miah Rieber, 131; Kendall Blair, 119; 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," she said.

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

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

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

Game 1 (5 innings)	RHS	EHS	R	H	E
2043(10)	—	19	13	1	1
000 10	—	1	2	5	—

W — S. Wightman, L — Teaman.  
2B — E. Kirby, Z. A. Villegas, X. Velasco (RHS), HR — S. Wightman (RHS).

Game 2 (5 innings)	RHS	EHS	R	H	E
840 21	—	15	5	2	—
010 01	—	2	4	2	—

W — S. Wightman, L — McGinness.

## SCOREBOARD

### Local Slate

#### PREP BASEBALL

**Saturday**  
Pendleton vs. Oak Harbor (WA) (at Hanford), 11 a.m.  
Stantfield at DeSales (WA), 11 a.m.  
Elgin at MacHi, 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 p.m.  
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 a.m./2 p.m.

#### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

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

### Recent Scores

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Spokane 16, Blue Mountain 4  
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NBA				
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	45	22	.672	—
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Toronto	40	29	.580	6
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Indiana	35	33	.515	10½
Milwaukee	34	34	.500	11½
Miami	34	35	.493	12
Detroit	33	36	.478	13
Chicago	32	37	.464	14
Charlotte	29	39	.426	16½
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Utah	43	26	.623	11½
L.A. Clippers	40	29	.580	14½
Oklahoma City	39	29	.574	15
Memphis	39	30	.565	15½
Denver	33	35	.485	21
Portland	30	37	.448	23½
Dallas	29	39	.426	25
Minnesota	28	40	.412	26
New Orleans	28	41	.406	26½
Sacramento	27	41	.397	27
Phoenix	22	47	.319	32½
L.A. Lakers	20	49	.290	34½

x-clinched playoff spot  
z-clinched division

**Friday's Games**  
Philadelphia 116, Dallas 74  
Washington 112, Chicago 107  
Boston 98, Brooklyn 95  
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.  
Washington 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.

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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 REGIONAL

**Second Round**  
**Saturday**  
At KeyBank Center  
Buffalo, N.Y.  
West Virginia vs. Notre Dame, 9:10 a.m.  
At Amway Center  
Orlando, Fla.  
Florida State vs. Xavier, 3:10 p.m.  
At Vivint Smart Home Arena  
Salt Lake City  
Gonzaga vs. Northwestern, 2:15 p.m.  
Arizona vs. Saint Mary's, 4:45 p.m.

#### NCAA Women's Tournament

**BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL**  
**First Round**  
**Friday**  
At College Park, Md.  
Maryland 103, Bucknell 61  
West Virginia 75, Elon 62  
**Saturday**  
At Storrs, Conn.  
UConn vs. Albany (NY), 8 a.m.  
Syracuse vs. Iowa State, 10:30 a.m.  
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

**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**  
**Sunday**  
At Columbia, S.C.  
South Carolina vs. Arizona State  
At Tallahassee, Fla.  
Missouri vs. Florida State  
Corvallis, Ore.  
Oregon State vs. Creighton

### Hockey

#### NHL

**Friday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 6, New Jersey 4  
Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, SO  
Calgary 3, Dallas 1  
Buffalo 2, Anaheim 1, SO  
**Saturday's Games**  
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.  
Vancouver at Edmonton, 7 p.m.  
Anaheim at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

### Baseball

**World Baseball Classic**  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Round Robin

#### Pool F

	W	L	Pct	GB
Puerto Rico	2	0	10.000	—
United States	1	1	11.000	1
Dominican Republic	1	1	10.000	1
Venezuela	0	2	20.000	2

#### Thursday

Dominican Republic 3, Venezuela 0  
**Friday**  
Puerto Rico 6,