

Golf

Johnson hopes timing is right for another US Open title

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ERIN, Wis. — Dustin Johnson wrapped up his final day practice round for the U.S. Open just as the sky began to rumble and the horn sounded to stop play at Erin Hills.

The timing couldn't have been better for the world's No. 1 player, as it has been the past two weeks.

As much as he hates missing cuts, the Memorial two weeks ago was a good

time for Johnson to have a weekend off. It allowed him to spend two days in Wisconsin getting to know the longest course in U.S. Open history, realizing that he would be a late arrival to Erin Hills because of some important family matters.

River Jones Johnson, his second son, was born on Monday.

He finds out Thursday whether his game is in shape for Johnson to become the first back-to-back U.S. Open champion in 28 years, but

his mood couldn't be better. About the only thing to fear, outside of the thick fescue that frames the fairways at Erin Hills, is the house where he is staying.

It has a double-spiral staircase.

"I sit down when I go down the stairs now," Johnson said with a smile. "I slide down on my butt."

Stairs were the only thing that could stop him earlier this year. A winner of three straight tournaments — against the strongest fields

of the year — Johnson slipped in his socks going downstairs to move his car in the rain on the eve of the Masters and bruised his back so badly that he had to withdraw the next day.

He hasn't won in four starts since then, and his game hasn't looked as sharp as it once did. He concedes he lost some momentum.

Even so, he is the betting favorite at the 117th U.S. Open on a course that would appear to suit his game perfectly, especially with more rain

Wednesday afternoon and a forecast for occasional storms on Friday and Saturday. The greens are soft enough that Johnson is getting yardages to the hole, knowing his shots won't bounce away too far.

"I hope they play it all the way back on every hole," he said. "Why not? It's going to be soft. I hope it's windy. I hope it's long, but it doesn't matter."

Johnson isn't one to feel much pressure — he doesn't show much, anyway — even playing his first major as the

No. 1 player in the world.

If anything, the pressure is on the USGA in how they set up the golf course, and the meteorologist to give an accurate forecast of the wind. There are a few holes at Erin Hills where if the tees are all the way back and the wind shifts into the players, some won't be able to reach the fairway or will face blind shots.

"It's nerve-wracking, honestly, more than most Open sites," USGA executive director Mike Davis said.

HALL OF FAME: 1982-83 football team was first to win 11 games straight

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Joining those three in the Class of 2017 are David Boor, Ty Haguewood, John Eggers, Clarence Cowapoo, Brian Nooy, Michael Schindler, Roger Schiewe, Roger L. Johnson, Rick Schimmel, Kenny Melton, Kenny Kuehl, Tex Aylor, Lew Beck, and the 1982-83 Pendleton football team.

The 1982-83 Bucks, the 12th team to be inducted, compiled a perfect 9-0 regular season and captured the IMC title to take a No. 4 ranking into the state playoffs. The Bucks steamrolled through the first two rounds against Parkrose and Glencoe to become the first team ever to go 11-0, however the season ended in the semifinals with a 34-14 loss to Lebanon in front of 7,000 fans at Round-Up Stadium.

Schimmel (1983-1987) was a standout three-sport athlete for Pendleton, earning Oregon Player of the Year in 1987 for baseball, IMC Defensive Player of the Year and all-state honors in foot-

ball, and a 116-51-1 career record in wrestling. He went on to play college baseball at Stanford for one year before transferring to Portland State to finish his career.

Haguewood (1991-1994) was a dynamic athlete on the football field and the baseball diamond, passing for more than 4,000 career yards and 40 touchdowns to help Pendleton to back-to-back IMC titles in 1993-1994 and earning first team all-state honors in baseball as a senior after hitting for a .485 average. He too played college baseball at Ricks College and later transferred to Brigham Young University.

Nooy (1999-2003) is one of the most decorated athletes in Pendleton history, earning 11 varsity letters and eight all-conference mentions between football, basketball and baseball in his four-year career. Football is where he made his biggest mark, though, tallying 4,919 career passing yards, 1,692 career rushing yards and 48 touchdowns, parlaying that success into a full-ride

scholarship at the University of Idaho.

Boor (1984-1988) was a two-time all-conference running back in football and champion wrestler for the Buckaroos, winning the Triple Crown as a senior — the prep state title, Greco Roman title and Freestyle title. He earned a wrestling scholarship to Portland State, and later transferred to Western Oregon.

Melton (2002-2006) still stands third all-time in career rushing yards for PHS football with 2,500, was a state champion wrestler as a senior and a top three placer twice more, and was a three-year starter on the baseball team where he earned all-conference honors as a junior and all-state honors as a senior. He played baseball at Linn-Benton CC.

Kuehl (1983-1985) transferred from Pilot Rock and became a dominant defensive back for the Buckaroo football team, earning all-conference and all-state honors as a senior. He joined Boise State's football team as

a walk-on in 1986 and eventually earned a scholarship and All-American honors as a senior.

Eggers (1936-1940) was one of the first Pendleton basketball greats, guiding the team to an IMC championship in 1939-40 and a trip to the state championship game where it fell to Salem 36-30. He earned first team all-tournament honors and played college basketball at Willamette for one year before joining the Navy in World War II.

Beck (1936-1940) joined Eggers on that Pendleton team and went on to play at Oregon State, where he was a three-time All-American. But his biggest accomplishment was captaining the United States Olympic basketball team that captured the gold medal in the 1948 London Games.

Cowapoo (1961-1965) graduated Pendleton with a then-school basketball record for most points scored in a single season with 519 as the 5-foot-8 guard led the Buckaroos to a conference

title in 1965.

Schiewe (1962-1966) was a three-year starter on the baseball team where he had a career .337 batting average with nine home runs, helping him earn a baseball scholarship to the University of Oregon where he became a first team all-conference player in 1970.

Johnson (1957-1961) left his mark in the non-traditional sports as he helped start the Pendleton Ski Club as a junior and qualified for state in gymnastics as a senior. He currently resides in Bend and is very active with the Linebacker's Club.

Aylor was involved in four sports during his days at PHS, after his height and thick stature attracted coaches from football, baseball, basketball and track and field. A native of Texas, Aylor's finest year on the gridiron came beside fellow Texan Bob Lilly, and the two remain friends today.

Schindler attended Pendleton schools until eighth grade when he moved to Ukiah High School, where

he put together a solid football career and earned a spot in the 1963 East-West Shrine Game. He is very active with the Linebacker's Club, where he is a the chairman of the auction.

The Hall of Fame reception will take place at the Pendleton Convention Center on July 7 with cocktails, dinner and auction going from 5-6:45 p.m. with the induction ceremonies starting immediately after. The Hall of Fame weekend continues on Saturday with the 28th annual Don Requa Memorial Golf Tournament at Wildhorse Resort and wraps up Sunday with the Buckaroo Hall of Fame breakfast at Stillman Park from 8-10 a.m.

The Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame weekend is the primary fundraiser for PHS football and the organization's two annual scholarships — the Don Requa Award and Alex Stuvland Memorial Scholarship. This year's recipients are recent graduates Cade Anderson (Requa) and Grant Kennedy (Stuvland).

ALL-STATE:

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Mac-Hi finished its season 18-7 and made it to the state quarterfinals for the fifth straight season.

State champion Henley swept all of the top honors as senior McKenna Armantrout was Player of the Year, sophomore Lily Poe was Pitcher of the Year, and Bobby Mick was Coach of the Year.

4A Softball 2017 All-State Teams

Player of the Year — McKenna Armantrout, sr., Henley

Pitcher of the Year — Lily Poe, so., Henley

Coach of the Year — Bobby Mick, Henley

First Team

Pitchers

Lily Poe, so., Henley

Madi Mott, sr., Gladstone

McKenzie McCormick, sr., Crook County

Catchers

McKenna Armantrout, sr., Henley

Gabe Kruegger, jr., Scappoose

Infield

Micha Fortune, sr., Mac-Hi

Nicole Lukinbeal, sr., Scappoose

Kaila Mick, so., Henley

Megan Gabler, jr., Yamhill-Carlton

Kamryn Potter, so., Junction City

Skyler Hunter, sr., Estacada

Outfield

Keegan Wise, jr., Banks

Abby Dalton, jr., Crook County

Jessie Pettgrew, sr., Henley

Brittnee Benson, sr., Yamhill-Carlton

Utility

Mallory Copeland, sr., Mac-Hi

Second Team

Pitchers

Mady Bell, jr., La Grande

Michaela Shaw, so., Banks

Jenna Kister, fr., Junction City

Catchers

Kylee Anderson, jr., Elmira

Hailey Clark, sr., Estacada

Infield

Mary Schorn, sr., Banks

Aston Webber, sr., Elmira

Hannah Gailey, jr., Scappoose

Aspen Christiansen, sr., Crook County

Emma McCourt, sr., Banks

Kalie Mann, so., South Umpqua

Outfield

Drew Culver, jr., North Bend

Alyssa Stripling, so., Junction City

Ally Tow, jr., Sweet Home

Melissa Field, sr., Madras

Utility

Makenzie Davis, jr., Banks

Third Team

Pitchers

Tayah Kelley, so., South Umpqua

Miranda Jensen, sr., Elmira

Nicole Dougherty, jr., Scappoose

Catchers

Shakyla Snyder, sr., Banks

Lindsey Flegel, so., Corbett

Jayce Seavert, fr., La Grande

Infield

Breann Givens, sr., La Grande

Shalyn Gray, fr., South Umpqua

Tanner Higgins, jr., Henley

Hadley Enos, jr., Scappoose

Emma Ackley, jr., Crook County

Lynnday Bradley, sr., Elmira

Sabrina Ward, so., Gladstone

Outfield

Jacie Howton, fr., La Grande

Katie Ragsdale, sr., Banks

Aspen Smith, jr., Mazama

Emma Lind, sr., South Umpqua

Utility

Tyrah Baron, sr., Brookings

Honorable Mention

Pitchers

Emily Lockhart, sr., Yamhill-Carlton

McKenzie Johnson, sr., Marshfield

Cheyenne Datan, jr., Mazama

Catchers

Abby Bumcrot, jr., Junction City

Grace Paranto, jr., Newport

Aaliyah Rudy, so., South Umpqua

Infield

Claire Waggoner, sr., Siuslaw

Bailey Dysinger, so., Cascade

Brie Bailey, sr., Henley

Brayanna Norberg, so., Hidden Valley

Hannah Williams, so., Philomath

McKenzie Brock, jr., North Bend

Alaina Carson, so., La Grande

Josie Dickson, so., Elmira

Sydney Grider, so., North Valley

Outfield

Ashlyn Marly, fr., Mac-Hi

Hailey Smith, sr., Crook County

Jewis Wagner, jr., Newport

Sara Blakeneship, sr., Estacada

Utility

Emily Grant, so., Estacada

Elayna Melville, jr., Mazama

THOMAS: Team believes he'll be up to full speed when training camp starts

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never went through anything like that."

Thomas is well ahead of where the Seahawks projected him to be in his recovery from the injury suffered last December in a blowout victory over Carolina. Thomas collided with teammate Kam Chancellor as each tried to intercept a pass from quarterback Cam Newton, leaving Thomas with a broken tibia and a sour disposition.

His future is no longer in question. Same with his return to the Seahawks

lineup. Thomas estimated he's about 80 percent of full speed, but he has exceeded what the Seahawks thought he'd be able to do at this point of the offseason program. There is little doubt he'll be completely ready to go when the Seahawks begin training camp next month.

"It's really been a cool thing to see because I knew he wanted to find out himself and he's been able to discover that he's in good shape and making progress toward camp," coach Pete Carroll said.

Thomas has been a constant in Seattle's

secondary since he arrived in 2010 as the second draft pick made by Carroll and general manager John Schneider. He started 106 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped last season when he sat out against Tampa Bay due to a hamstring injury.

A week later, Thomas broke his leg and Seattle was never the same on defense the rest of the year.

Thomas said he was given the option of surgery or letting the injury heal naturally. He opted to avoid the surgical option. The plan was to bring him along slowly through the offseason

program, but once Seattle got on the field Thomas was able to do more than expected.

"Early on when we first got out here I wasn't sure but I tested it out just to see," Thomas said. "When I'm in walkthroughs that's easy. When everyone is out here running around full speed that's when you can really gauge what is happening."

It's a similar case for Chancellor, who underwent surgery on both ankles in the offseason to remove bone spurs. Chancellor did both procedures at the same time, which kept him in a wheelchair for a couple of weeks.

"I'm where I thought I would be due to working with the trainers to get me back in tip-top shape," Chancellor said.

NOTES: Chancellor's contract is up after the 2017 season. Carroll said the team would like to get a new deal done in hopes of keeping Chancellor beyond this year. Chancellor said he had yet to speak directly with the team about a new deal. "I trust their words. I trust what they say," he said. ... DL Dion Jordan required surgery to clean up loose bodies from his knee after he signed with the Seahawks, Carroll said. There is no timetable yet for his return.

MARINERS: Segura making progress, but could miss another series with injury

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runs in the fifth inning, and Miguel Sano hit a two-run homer in the sixth to knock out Gaviglio and bring the Twins within striking distance at 6-4.

James Pazos, Nick Vincent, Marc Rzepczynski and Edwin Diaz combined for 3 2/3 scoreless innings out of the Mariners bullpen, one night after Seattle relief

pitchers gave up 11 runs in a 20-7 loss. The Twins had a chance in the ninth Wednesday night with two on and two outs, but Eddie Rosario struck out and Brian Dozier flied out to deep center to end it.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Mariners: SS Jean Segura (right ankle sprain) did agility drills and took batting practice before the game Wednesday.

According to manager Scott Servais, the team will know within a couple of days whether Segura will need a rehab assignment. Servais had hoped to get his shortstop off the 10-day DL at some point during the Mariners' upcoming weekend series in Texas but admitted it may take a bit longer.

Twins: LHP Hector Santiago (strained left

shoulder) will throw a side session on Thursday to see if he'll be ready in time for the Twins' doubleheader against the Cleveland Indians on Saturday. Manager Paul Molitor indicated the team has several options for a spot starter if Santiago can't appear, though he ruled out long reliever Tyler Duffey.

UP NEXT
Mariners: LHP Ariel

SCOREBOARD

Baseball		MLB			
AMERICAN LEAGUE		W	L	Pct	GB
East Division					
New York	38	24	.613	—	
Boston	37	28	.569	2½	
Tampa Bay	35	33	.515	6	
Toronto	32	33	.492	7½	
Baltimore	31	32	.492	7½	
Central Division					
Minnesota	33	29	.532	—	
Cleveland	31	31	.500	2	
Kansas City	30	34	.469	4	
Detroit	30	35	.462	4½	
Chicago	28	35	.444	5½	
West Division					
Houston	44	22	.667	—	
Los Angeles	34	34	.500	11	
Texas	32	32	.500	11	
Seattle	33	34	.493	11½	
Oakland	27	38	.415	16½	

Washington	39	26	.600	—
New York	30	34	.469	8½
Miami	29	35	.453	9½
Atlanta	29	36	.446	10
Philadelphia	21	43	.328	17½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	34	32	.515	—
Chicago	32	33	.492	1½
St. Louis	30	33	.476	2½
Pittsburgh	30	36	.455	4
Cincinnati	29	36	.446	4½
West Division				
Los Angeles	41	25	.621	—
Arizona	42	26	.618	—
Colorado	42	26	.618	—
San Diego	27	40	.403	14½
San Francisco	26	41	.388	15½

Rd. 16 (483) — Orlando Razo, LHS, UC Davis.
Rd. 17 (513) — Jamal Wade, RHS, Maryland.
Rd. 18 (543) — Myles Christian, CF, Olive Branch (Miss.) HS.
Rd. 19 (573) — Kevin Santa, SS, Tampa.
Rd. 20 (603) — Troy Dixon, C, St. John's.
Rd. 21 (633) — Connor Hoover, SS, North Georgia.
Rd. 22 (663) — Johnny Adams, SS, Boston College.
Rd. 23 (693) —