

# College, pro teams bow to Irma's potential impact

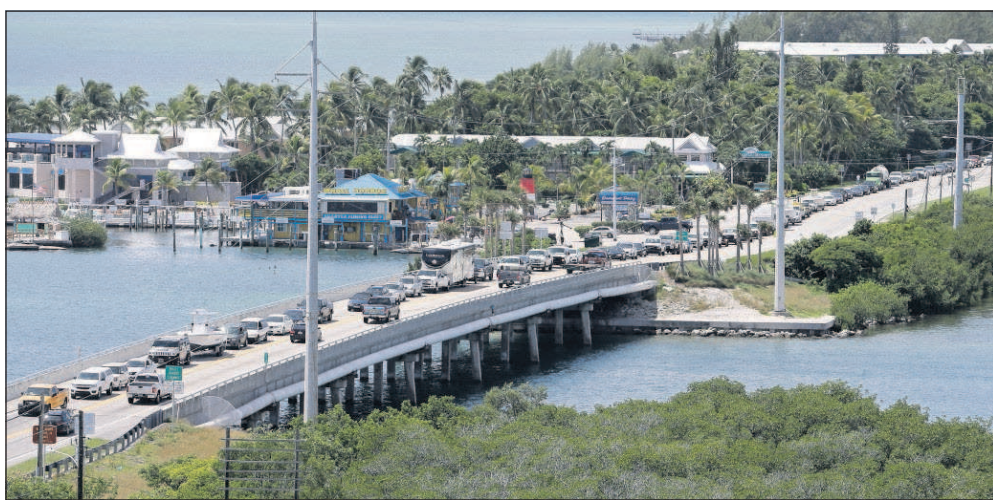
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CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The Miami Hurricanes decided to take the weekend off, the Miami Dolphins were given the weekend off, and many other teams around the state of Florida kept a very cautious eye Wednesday on powerful and destructive Hurricane Irma as it churned across the Atlantic on a path toward the U.S.

No. 16 Miami canceled its game at Arkansas State, in part out of concern that the Hurricanes may get stranded away from home if the storm strikes South Florida. The Dolphins and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who were scheduled to play a Miami home game Sunday, now will get the opening week of the NFL year off and won't meet until Nov. 19.

No. 10 Florida State and No. 22 Florida moved up their Saturday home games to midday starts, out of caution. A slew of other events were either canceled or rescheduled, all in deference to the storm that forecasters believe may start affecting the state by Saturday — possibly as a direct hit.

"This is about what's best for our students, coaching staff and their families," Miami athletic director Blake James said, after telling Arkansas State about the



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**Motorists head north of Tavernier, Fla., on US 1, in anticipation of Hurricane Irma, Wednesday. Keys officials announced a mandatory evacuation Wednesday for visitors, with residents being told to leave the next day.**

decision that wasn't exactly warmly received. "We're not confident that we were going to get back after the game and we weren't going to leave our players stranded somewhere. There's bigger things than football."

Arkansas State athletic director Terry Mohajir said his team offered several options to Miami, including moving the game to Friday night.

"Ultimately, the Miami administration made the decision not to travel," Mohajir said.

Florida International is hitting the road, now set to play Alcorn State on Friday night at Birmingham, Alabama. That game was

originally set to be FIU's home opener (and first home game under Butch Davis) on Saturday, but Irma forced the switch to a neutral site.

FIU taking about 70 other student-athletes from seven different teams on the trip to the UAB as well, relocating them all in the interest of safety.

Forecasters aren't certain what Irma will do to Florida. Forecasts have been fluctuating for the past several days and likely will continue to do so as the storm that has been packing 185 mph winds gets closer to the peninsula.

Vacationers — and in some cases, residents of vulnerable areas — have been urged to evacuate the Florida Keys

and parts of Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

It's the uncertainty that has teams guessing, and the Hurricanes said if they were going to err they would do so on the side of safety.

"We made the collective decision that we simply cannot put our student-athletes, coaches and staff in danger traveling to and from contests," James said.

All Hurricanes teams scheduled to play this weekend, home and away, have seen those contests canceled.

Florida State and Florida were both going to play night games as their home opens this weekend, with the Seminoles facing Loui-

siana-Monroe and the Gators playing host to Northern Colorado.

"It won't affect us until much later in the week," Seminoles coach Jimbo Fisher said. "They're just trying to get it for some of the families to be able to get in and get out of here. ... There's a lot of things that are very important, and a game is very important, but also people's lives and things like that are, too."

No. 21 South Florida's game at Connecticut on Saturday will be played earlier than planned, with a 10:30 a.m. kickoff. Florida Atlantic's trip to No. 9 Wisconsin for a Saturday game is on — but there are contingencies for the team to stay longer if the Owls can't get home Saturday night as scheduled.

**In other Irma-related sports news Wednesday:**

— The Florida Panthers chartered a plane to take about 90 people — players, staff, coaches and families — and 20 pets to Boston and out of Irma's path on Friday. Panthers CEO Matthew Caldwell said the team originally chartered a smaller plane, then upgraded when more seats were needed. The team is planning to stay in the Boston area through at least the weekend, depending on what Irma does.

— Gulfstream Park in

Hallandale Beach, Florida (about 20 miles north of downtown Miami) called off its racing cards for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Track officials are tentatively hoping to resume racing on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

— A four-team tournament for NHL prospects in Estero, Florida (on the southwest corner of the state) was called off. The tournament was to include Florida, the Washington Capitals, Tampa Bay Lightning and Nashville Predators. Later Wednesday, Tampa Bay and Nashville decided to have their rookie teams play in a three-game series that will start Sunday in Nashville.

— Florida Gulf Coast's men's soccer team canceled its Sunday home opener against VCU, and is keeping its men's golf, women's golf, men's cross country and women's cross country teams home from competitions scheduled for this weekend.

— The University of South Florida, in Tampa, canceled a Thursday home women's soccer match against Mississippi State, and a volleyball tournament that was to include USF, Florida Atlantic, Oral Roberts and Bethune-Cookman on Friday and Saturday. USF's women's soccer game at Florida on Sunday has also been called off.

## BENNETT: Spoke briefly about incident in a press briefing on Wednesday

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gunfire to the sharp sound of velvet rope stands being knocked to a tile floor.

Bennett, during a brief appearance Wednesday at the Seahawks' practice facility in Renton, Washington, described the incident as "traumatic" but declined to go into specifics about it.

"It's a traumatic experience for me, my family and it sucks that the country that we live in now sometimes you get profiled for the color of your skin," Bennett said. "Do I think every police officer is bad? No, I don't believe that. Do I believe there are some people out there that judge people by the color of their skin? I do believe that."

"I'm just trying to focus on the game, focus on the task at hand and let everything take care of itself," Bennett said. "But like I said this is a tragic situation for me, I hate to be up here at this moment. There is a lot of people who experienced what I experienced at that point, at that moment and they're not here to tell their story."

Bennett, a 6-foot-4 defensive end who has been a leader of the national anthem protests started by former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, said he was among several hundred people running away.

In his Twitter message, Bennett said he was handcuffed face-down on the ground after an officer held a gun to his head saying he would blow his head off if he moved.

"All I could think of was 'I'm going to die for no other reason than I am black and

my skin color is somehow a threat,'" he wrote. He said he thought of his wife and children.

Bennett said he was taken to the back of a police car "until they apparently realized I was not a thug, common criminal or ordinary black man but Michael Bennett a famous professional football player." He was released without charges.

Las Vegas police Officer Jacinto Rivera said police were checking for casino and police body camera video and written reports. He said the department couldn't immediately verify Bennett's account or identify the officers involved.

A video posted by celebrity news site TMZ shows a view from a balcony as a police officer kneels on the back of a man who looks like Bennett. Protests are heard, including, "I wasn't doing nothing," and, "I was here with my friends. They told us to get out and everybody ran."

Bennett's attorney, John Burris in Oakland, California, confirmed the words were Bennett's. The attorney said he believed the 30-second video clip showed some of how his client was treated.

"We think there was an unlawful detention and the use of excessive force, with a gun put to his head," Burris told The Associated Press. "He was just in the crowd. He doesn't drink or do drugs. He wasn't in a fight. He wasn't resisting. He did nothing more or less than anyone in the crowd."

Burris said Bennett waited to make public his account of

the incident until after Burris contacted Las Vegas police last week by letter and email, seeking police records of Bennett's detention.

McMahill said he had no knowledge of any letter or email last week from Bennett or Burris.

Bennett's brother, Martellus Bennett, who plays for the Green Bay Packers, posted an Instagram account of a telephone call he said he got from Michael Bennett. He said he heard fear in his brother's voice.

"The emotion and the thought of almost losing you because of the way you look left me in one of the saddest places ever," Martellus Bennett said.

Michael Bennett has been one of the most outspoken pro athletes on numerous social issues. Last month, he held a benefit for the family of a pregnant black woman who was fatally shot by two white Seattle police officers in June. Police said the woman threatened the officers with at least one knife after calling 911 to report that someone had broken into her apartment and stolen video-game consoles.

Advocates on Wednesday cited Bennett's treatment by police as an illustration of troubled race relations in America.

Patrisse Cullors, a co-founder of the Black Lives Matter advocacy group, called it "a testament to the police violence targeting black people in the United States."

Cullors endorsed an online petition calling for Las Vegas police to release information about what she called an assault on Bennett.

## SCOREBOARD

### Local slate

**PREP FOOTBALL**

**Thursday**  
Pendleton (JV) at Irrigon, 7 p.m.

**Friday**  
Umatilla at Rainier, 6 p.m.  
Horizon Christian at Arlington, 6 p.m.  
Lewiston (ID) at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
Putnam at Pendleton, 7 p.m.  
DeSales (WA) at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.  
Union at Riverside, 7 p.m.  
Weston-McEwen at Imbler, 7 p.m.  
Heppner at Grant Union, 7 p.m.  
Stanfield at Cascade (WA), 7 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Echo, 7 p.m.

**PREP VOLLEYBALL**

**Thursday**  
Riverside at Helix, 4 p.m.  
Elgin at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.  
Weston-McEwen at Dayton (WA), 5 p.m.  
Condon/Wheeler vs. Mitchell/Spray (at Mitchell), 5 p.m.  
Cove at Nixyaawii, 5 p.m.  
Stanfield at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.  
Riverside vs. Pilot Rock (at Helix), 5:30 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Helix, 5:30 p.m.  
La Grande at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
Irrigon at Lone, 1 p.m.  
Echo vs. Irrigon (at Lone), 3 p.m.  
ECHO at Lone, 5 p.m.  
Enterprise at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Irrigon at Waitsburg (WA) tournament, 8:30 a.m.  
Lone vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), 9 a.m.  
Helix, Umatilla, Mac-Hi, at Helix Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Weston-McEwen at Reedsport Invite, 9 a.m.  
Wallowa at Echo, 10 a.m.  
Union vs. Lone (at Condon), 11 a.m.  
Pilot Rock vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), Noon  
Joseph at Nixyaawii, 1 p.m.  
Pilot Rock vs. Lone (at Condon), 2 p.m.  
Pasco (WA) at Hermiston, 3:45 p.m.  
Pine Eagle at Echo, 3 p.m.  
Union vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), 3 p.m.  
Lone vs. Heppner (at Condon), 4 p.m.  
Enterprise at Stanfield, 4 p.m.  
Heppner vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), 6 p.m.

**PREP BOYS SOCCER**

**Thursday**  
Pendleton at Sandy, 4 p.m.  
Irrigon at Hermiston (JV2), 4:30 p.m.  
Umatilla at Columbia Christian, 4:15 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Catlin Gabel at Riverside, 1 p.m.  
Putnam at Hermiston, 1:45 p.m.  
Banks vs. Mac-Hi (at The Dalles), 5 p.m.

**PREP GIRLS SOCCER**

**Thursday**  
Riverside at La Grande, 4 p.m.  
Umatilla at Portland Christian, 6:15 p.m.  
Irrigon at Hermiston (JV), 4:30 p.m.  
Sandy at Pendleton, 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Banks vs. Mac-Hi (at The Dalles), 11 a.m.  
Putnam at Hermiston, Noon  
Portland Christian at Riverside, 1 p.m.

**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**

**Saturday**  
Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Heppner, Helix, Weston-McEwen, Umatilla, Stanfield at Runner's Soul XC Fest (Hermiston), 10 a.m.

**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

**Thursday**  
Blue Mountain at George Fox University, 7 p.m.

**Friday**  
Blue Mountain vs. Umpqua (at Clackamas CC), 2:30 p.m.

### COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

**Friday**  
Blue Mountain vs. North Idaho, 4:15 p.m.  
Saturday  
Blue Mountain vs. Spokane, 2:15 p.m.

**COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Friday**  
Blue Mountain vs. North Idaho, 2 p.m.  
Eastern Oregon at Puget Sound, 2 p.m.  
Saturday  
Blue Mountain vs. Spokane, Noon

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**Saturday**  
Eastern Oregon vs. Montana-Western, 1 p.m.

### Baseball

**MLB**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	79	61.564	—
New York	74	64.536	4
Baltimore	71	68.511	7½
Tampa Bay	70	71.496	9½
Toronto	64	76.457	15

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	85	56.597	—
Minnesota	72	67.518	11
Kansas City	69	69.500	13½
Detroit	59	80.424	24
Chicago	54	84.391	28½

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	86	53.619	—
Los Angeles	72	68.514	14½
Texas	70	69.504	16
Seattle	67	71.493	17½
Oakland	59	80.424	27

**Wednesday's Games**

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, p.p.d.  
Minnesota 10, Tampa Bay 6  
Texas 12, Atlanta 8, 1st game  
Oakland 3, L.A. Angels 1  
Boston 6, Toronto 1  
Kansas City 13, Detroit 2  
Atlanta 5, Texas 4, 2nd game  
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 1  
Houston 5, Seattle 3

**Thursday's Games**

N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at Baltimore (TBD), 10:35 a.m.  
Cleveland (Kluber 14-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 2-5), 5:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (Gibson 9-10) at Kansas City (Gaviglio 3-5), 5:15 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	85	54.612	—
Washington	67	72.482	18
Atlanta	61	77.442	23½
New York	60	79.432	25
Philadelphia	53	86.381	32

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	76	63.547	—
St. Louis	72	67.518	4
Milwaukee	72	68.514	4½
Pittsburgh	67	73.479	9½
Cincinnati	61	79.436	15½

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	92	47.662	—
Arizona	82	58.586	10½
Colorado	74	65.532	18
San Diego	62	78.443	30½
San Francisco	55	87.387	38½

**Wednesday's Games**

Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 1  
Texas 12, Atlanta 8, 1st game  
Chicago Cubs 1, Pittsburgh 0  
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 3, 6 innings  
Washington 8, Miami 1  
Atlanta 5, Texas 4, 2nd game  
San Francisco 11, Colorado 3

Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 1  
St. Louis 3, San Diego 1

**Thursday's Games**

Chicago Cubs (Lester 9-7) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 7-5), 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Nola 10-10) at Washington (Roark 11-9), 4:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Mahle 9-1) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 4-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Miami (Straily 9-8) at Atlanta (Newcomb 2-8), 4:35 p.m.  
St. Louis (Lynn 10-6) at San Diego (Richard 6-13), 6:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Gray 6-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 16-2), 7:10 p.m.

**Wild Card Standings**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	64.536	+2½
Minnesota	72	67.518	—
Los Angeles	72	68.514	½
Baltimore	71	68.511	1
Texas	70	69.504	2
Kansas City	69	69.500	2½
Tampa Bay	70	71.496	3
Seattle	69	71.493	3½

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	82	58.586	+7½
Colorado	74	65.532	—
St. Louis	72	67.518	2
Milwaukee	72	68.514	2½

**MLB**

**Northwest League Playoffs**

**Division Finals**

Series best-of-3

**Wednesday's Games**

Eugene 3, Hillsboro 2  
Vancouver 2, Spokane 1

**Thursday's Games**

Eugene at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.  
Spokane at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.

### Basketball

**WNBA**

Playoff Glance

**First Round**

**Wednesday**

Washington 86, Dallas 76  
Phoenix 79, Seattle 69

**Second Round**

Winner advances

**Sunday**

Phoenix at Connecticut, Noon (ESPN2)  
Washington at New York, 2 p.m. (ESPN2)

### Tennis

**U.S. Open**

Wednesday

At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York

Arthur Ashe Stadium

**Men's Singles**

**Quarterfinal**

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.  
Juan Martin del Potro (24), Argentina, def. Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

**Women's Singles**

**Quarterfinal**

CoCo Vandeweghe (20), United States, def. Karolina Pliskova (1), Czech Republic, 7-6 (4), 6-3.  
Madison Keys (15), United States, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, 6-3, 6-3.

### Football

**NFL Week 1**

**Thursday's Game**

Kansas City Chiefs at New England, 5:30 p.m. (TV: NBC)

### Soccer

**MLS**

**Wednesday's Game**

New York City FC 1, Sporting K.C. 0

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