

Seattle, arena group set construction timeline

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SEATTLE — A proposal to remodel KeyArena now has an ambitious timeline that could have it ready to house a professional franchise within three years.

The timeline was laid out in a proposed memorandum of understanding between Seattle and Oak View Group. The MOU will be presented to the Seattle City Council on Tuesday but the final version of the agreement won't be voted on until the first week of December at the earliest.

Still, the draft agreement is a significant step in the process of redeveloping the city-owned building through a privately financed project that officials believe will finally lure the NHL or NBA — or both — to Seattle. KeyArena housed the NBA's SuperSonics

until they relocated to Oklahoma City and became the Thunder. Oak View Group believes it can have the building ready by October 2020 if environmental approvals are obtained and demolition can start in October 2018.

"I think the most important part of this MOU is the fact it states very clearly to the leagues that this project is going to happen, we do have a deal with the city, they can make a deal. They are very focused ultimately not only on building a new arena here and giving us the partnership and certainty in order to do that," OVG CEO Tim Leiweke said.

"But more importantly it sends a very strong message now to the NBA and to the NHL that everyone worried about, 'Yeah will it ever get done with the city? Will they ever be able to get to the finish line? Will you ever possibly get this deal done

within the politics of Seattle and the Seattle process as everyone likes to call it?'" Leiweke said. "Guess what? Game, set and match. We clearly send a message to everyone that this will get done, this will get built and we are ready now to go get one and hopefully soon, two teams."

The timeframe is sure to attract attention, including from the NHL. OVG has not hidden its intentions to be aggressive in an attempt to obtain an NHL expansion franchise soon after the arena agreement is finalized. Likewise, the NHL has not hidden its interest in Seattle, the No. 14 media market in the country and the only market in the top 25 that does not have an NBA or NHL team.

OVG has lined up billionaire David Bonderman and filmmaker Jerry Bruckheimer as the lead owners for a potential NHL franchise.

"From our standpoint, this

timeline is geared toward what we believe is the optimal timeline in order to begin to get a team or two for Seattle," Leiweke said.

The project is expected to total about \$600 million and Oak View is also on the hook for another \$40 million to help improve transportation in the area around Seattle Center. They are also responsible for regular facility upgrades for the life of the 39-year lease agreement. Should those upgrade requirements be met, there are two eight-year lease extensions that will be activated, and carry the entire life of the lease agreement to 55 years.

In all, OVG is liable for about \$168 million in capital investment upgrades on the facility during the life of the lease. The project will be financed through a mix of revenue streams. OVG also has financial backing from Madison Square Garden Entertainment.

Kershaw helps Dodgers end 11-game skid, clinch playoff spot

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SAN FRANCISCO — Clayton Kershaw pitched the Los Angeles Dodgers to their first win in nearly two weeks, helping them clinch a playoff berth by finally beating the San Francisco Giants 5-3 on Tuesday night to snap an 11-game losing streak that was the club's worst since moving to the West Coast.

The Dodgers' slide was their worst in 25 years, topping 10-game skids in Los Angeles during 1961 and '92. The 1944 Brooklyn team lost 16 straight games.

Despite the recent tailspin, Los Angeles still owns the best record in the majors at 93-52. The NL West leaders secured at least the second NL wild card and joined the NL East champion Washington Nationals as

the only teams to punch their post-season tickets so far.

Kershaw (17-3) tied Milwaukee's Zach Davies for the major league in wins.

Kenley Jansen got four outs for his 37th save but allowed three straight singles with one out in the ninth to face a bases-loaded jam. He struck out Buster Posey and Nick Hundley to end it. Los Angeles

catcher Yasmani Grandal pumped his right fist and Jansen pounded his chest as the Dodgers hustled out of their dugout.

Justin Turner hit a key RBI double in the eighth and Chase Utley homered leading off the fourth, splashing into the water of McCovey Cove beyond the right-field wall for the first time in his career — the 41st ever by an opposing hitter.

PBR: Kolbaba rides better on Tuesday, finishes in third

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Breeding took home the championship (177 points) in his first appearance at Happy Canyon and a \$13,523.16 check. Despite this being his first time in the PBR Classic, Breeding is no stranger to Pendleton. He's been riding in the Round-Up for five years, and won the rodeo in 2012 when he was a rookie.

"That was like the highlight of my career so far," he said of the 2012 championship. "So to be able to win this is going to be right up there with that."

In the long go, Breeding rode Pistol Whipped of Howell Rodeo Company Inc., and jumped into first place. He held on to the top spot until Rubens Barbosa of Iaciara, Goias, Brazil got a day-high of 89.5 points. The Brazilians had another successful day in the arena as Claudio Montanha Jr. earned the third most points (87) atop New West Rodeos' Devil in Disguise.

Crowd favorite and Walla Walla, Washington native Derek Kolbaba had no problems getting into the championship round, as he finished the long go with 84.5 point on Cosmo Cowboy (Howell Rodeo



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Derek Kolbaba of Walla Walla rides Cosmo Cowboy for 84.5 points on Tuesday during the Pendleton PBR Classic.

Company Inc.).

Barbosa was the final rider of the night, and after getting bucked off with mere seconds of exiting the bucking shoot he opened up the top three for Montanha and Kolbaba to claim second and third place, respectively.

While the PBR has concluded,

Breeding isn't ready to say goodbye just yet. He'll be riding in Thursday's rodeo on a bull he favors more than Blackberry Smoke.

Pendleton PBR Classic

Event Results
1. Parker Breeding, 177 points; \$13,523.16; 2. Claudio Montanha Jr., 171.5, \$7,083.56; 3. Derek Kolbaba, 170.5, \$4,869.95; 4. Luciano De Castro, 169, \$3,139.31;



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Fraser Babbington of Gisborne, New Zealand, rides Party Pooper for 82.5 points on Tuesday during the Pendleton PBR Classic.

5. Alex Marcilio, 168, \$3,783.27; 6. Aaron Williams, 165.5, \$1,408.6

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SLACK: Wall sets high bar in barrel racing in first go round

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of 5.7 for a \$3,095.73 payout.

Numerous barrel racers also got their first go on the so-called "Green Mile" on Monday with 2015 Round-Up champion Kimmie Wall setting the bar with a time of 28.54 to start the first go. Her time is faster than either time produced by 2016 champion Stevi Hillman,

who won with a time of 29.72 and had a 29.64 to set the bar in slack.

Also running sub-29 second times were Sydney Blanchard (28.81), Jackie Ganter (28.91), Jody Tucker (28.97), and Ericka Nelson (28.95).

SLACK

STEER ROPING Go Round 1

1. Tuf Cooper, 13.1, \$3,768.71; 2. Shay Good, 13.8, \$3,274.14; 3. Trevor Brazile, 14.0, \$2,785.57; 4. Will Gasperson, 14.8; \$2,294.00; 5. Tim Tillard, 15.4,

\$1,802.42; 6. Dave Sedar, 15.6, \$1,310.85; 7. Roger Branch, 15.8, \$819.28; 8. Shorty Garten, \$327.71.

Go Round 2 (not complete)
1. Trevor Brazile, 12.7; 2. Cody Lee, 13.5; 3. Russell Cardoza, 16.2; 4. Trey Sheets, 17.7; 5. Howdy McGinn, 18.0; 6. Chet Herren, 19.0; 7. Gabe Richardson, 20.5; 8. Colt Buegman, 21.9.

TIE-DOWN ROPING Go Round 1
1. J.C. Malone, 8.5, \$3,597.33; 2. Tuf Cooper, 8.7, \$3,128.11; 3. Hunter Herrin, 9.6, \$2,658.89; 4. Shane Hanchev, 9.9, \$2,189.68; 5. Jake Pratt, 10.3, \$1,485.85 / Chad Finley, 10.3, \$1,485.85; 7. Justin Smith, 10.6, \$782.02; 8. Jordan Ketscher, 10.7, \$312.81.

STEER WRESTLING Go Round 1
1. Cody Cabral, 5.3, \$3,848.75; 2. Nick Guy, 5.7, \$3,095.73; 3. Kody Dollery, 5.7, \$3,095.73; 4. John Green, 6.5, \$2,342.72; 5. Josh Peek, 6.6, \$1,589.69;

5. Cameron Monnan, 6.6, \$1,589.69; 7. Colin Wolfe, 6.8, \$836.68; 8. Dirk Tavener, 7.1, \$312.81.

TEAM ROPING

Go Round 1

1. Clayton Hass/John Robertson, 5.6, \$4,393.57; 2. Tyler Milligan/Shank Edwards, 5.7, \$3,733.54; 3. Riley Minor/Brady Minor, 6.1, \$3,173.51; 4. Austin Stafford/Dayton Stafford, 6.2, \$2,613.48; 5. Jesse Northrop/Kurtis Barry, 6.3, \$2,053.45; 6. David Temple/Tee Jay Brown, 6.4, \$1,493.42; 7. Justin Farber/Garrett Busby, 6.7, \$933.39; 8. Bryce Palmer/Bot Patzke, Logan Olson/Kyle Lockett, Rhett Anderson/Brady Ramone, 6.8, \$124.45.

BARREL RACING

Go Round 1 (not complete)

1. Kimmie Wall, 28.54; 2. Sydney Blanchard, 28.81; 3. Jackie Ganter, 28.91; 4. Ericka Nelson, 28.95; 5. Courtney Frazer, 28.96; 6. Jodi Tucker, 28.97; 7. Nicole Laurence, 29.08; 7. Ari-Anna Flynn, 29.08.

PREPS: Helix drops hard-fought league opener against Joseph

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seven kills and six digs, Chelsea Quaempts with 12 digs and two aces, and Jesse Manning with six kills and three digs.

"A really good win against a really good team at their place," Weston-McEwen coach Shawn White said. "We did a better job of executing ... we had some mistakes but other than one short part of second set, we didn't give up many errors in a row. Just a better job of managing ourselves and being consistent."

Weston-McEwen next travels to Imbler to face the Panthers and

Baker for a dual-match on Thursday afternoon.

JOSEPH 3, HELIX 2 — At Helix, the Grizzlies began Greater Oregon League play with a hard-fought loss to Joseph on Tuesday night.

Helix (8-4, 0-1 GOL) started the match with an easy win 25-15 in the first set, but then Joseph took the next two 25-23, 25-22. The Grizzlies then won the fourth set 25-22, but the Eagles finished off the win 15-9 in the fifth set.

"I don't know if we got a little over-confident after the first set where we did really well," Helix coach Dianna Melton said. "Then

we just battled. They worked super hard but we couldn't get caught up.

"Not how we wanted to start off league, but we'll get another chance."

Arianna Krol led Helix with 11 kills and Kailey Mize led the team in serving. Melton also pointed out Sadie Wilson as a big contributor, saying "she was phenomenal, she was all over the court and always gives it 110 percent."

Helix next plays on Tuesday at Powder Valley at 5 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

LAGRANDE 8, PENDLETON 0 — At La Grande, the Buckaroos

got back on the field for game action after a 13 day layoff on Tuesday and some rust showed through as Pendleton was shut out 8-0 by the La Grande Tigers.

"Ironically we played one of the better possession games in recent memory," Pendleton coach Jeremy Talbot said. "But we struggled to make composed plays when we were in position to shoot the ball. We had as many chances to score as La Grande, but we failed to capitalize on those opportunities while (La Grande) wasted very few."

Pendleton (0-3) will next play on Tuesday when it hosts Mac-Hi for a 6 p.m. start.

MARINERS: Gonzales earns first win since trade from St. Louis

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Seager's homer in the third made it 7-1 and chased Miguel Gonzalez (7-11), who made his second start overall and first at home for the Rangers since they acquired him in an Aug. 31 trade with the Chicago White Sox. Gonzalez allowed seven runs and seven hits while recording only seven outs.

Marco Gonzales (1-1), traded from St. Louis to Seattle on July 21, got his first victory in six starts for the Mariners. The lefty struck out six while allowing three runs over

five innings, his longest outing this season.

Willie Calhoun, the prized prospect the Rangers got when they traded Yu Darvish to the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 31, had an RBI single in his first major league at-bat. He finished 1 for 4.

Texas purchased Calhoun's contract from Triple-A Round Rock, which had already finished its season. The 22-year-old batted seventh and played left field in his big league debut.

The first action for Calhoun came in the second when Mike

Zunino had an RBI single to left, a play when the 5-foot-8 left fielder cleanly fielded the ball. But his throw was just a bit off line and Nelson Cruz slid in just ahead of the tag for a 1-0 lead. Gamel immediately followed with his homer.

Calhoun ran a long way to make a sliding catch along the left-field line to take a potential hit away from Seager in the fifth, two innings after the Mariners third baseman went deep for the 24th time.

When Seager hit another ball to left in the eighth, Calhoun made another sliding attempt but umpires

ruled he trapped the ball that was in his glove. He still got a forceout at second base after a base runner retreated to first thinking the catch had been made.

UP NEXT

Mariners: Mike Leake has won both of starts for Seattle since being acquired from St. Louis on Aug. 30. He is 2-0 with a 2.77 ERA in 13 innings with Seattle.

Rangers: Left-hander Martin Perez (12-10) has won seven consecutive starts, one short of the Rangers club record set by Kenny Rogers in 2005.

PRCA Standings

Through Sept. 10

ALL-ROUND

1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas \$200,186
2. Caleb Smidt, Belleville, Texas \$151,990
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas \$148,507
4. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. \$139,263
5. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil \$131,673
6. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. \$128,764
7. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. \$112,467
8. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. \$105,470
9. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. \$101,541
10. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas \$97,022
11. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas \$89,284
12. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. \$87,420
13. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah \$78,241
14. Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. \$75,671
15. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. \$74,931
16. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. \$66,733
17. Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah \$54,763
18. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta \$54,641
19. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. \$52,609
20. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. \$50,761

BARRECK RIDING

1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa \$196,954
2. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. \$135,149
3. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. \$118,955
4. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. \$109,353
5. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. \$108,265
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah \$101,869
7. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas \$97,985
8. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas \$96,461
9. Sallator, Huntsville, Texas \$94,354
10. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta \$90,007
11. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. \$83,871
12. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba \$81,405
13. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. \$79,199
14. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah \$78,377
15. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. \$78,370
16. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. \$77,465
17. Evan Jayne, Marselle, France \$74,152
18. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. \$61,896
19. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. \$60,081
20. Shane O'Connell, Rapid City, S.D. \$58,917

STEER WRESTLING

1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. \$156,479
2. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. \$105,975
3. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho \$104,031
4. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. \$102,734
5. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah \$97,136
6. Scott Guenther, Provost, Alberta \$96,845
7. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. \$91,850
8. Tanner Milian, Cochrane, Alberta \$82,988
9. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. \$78,435
10. Kyle Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. \$75,941
11. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. \$77,740
12. Jon Ragatz, Beetown, Wis. \$70,385
13. Rowdy Parrott, Mamou, La. \$67,553
14. J.D. Strunxess, Appleton, Minn. \$67,192
15. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. \$67,114
16. Jacob Talley, Keatchie, La. \$66,492
17. Will Lumms, West Point, Miss. \$64,627
18. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas \$63,440
19. Chason Floyd, Buffalo, S.D. \$61,167
20. Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark. \$59,721

TEAM ROPING (HEADS)

1. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. \$130,329
2. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. \$124,348
3. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. \$109,200
4. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas \$100,627
5. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. \$87,689
6. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. \$86,684
7. Jr. Dees, Aurora, S.D. \$78,964
8. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. \$78,288
9. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. \$77,552
10. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. \$75,991
11. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. \$75,941
12. Dustin Eguzua, Marianna, Fla. \$72,713
13. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. \$72,523
14. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. \$72,337
15. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. \$70,670
16. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta \$63,851
17. Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore. \$61,949
18. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. \$59,915
19. Lane Ivy, Adrian, Texas \$55,615
20. Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz. \$55,485

TEAM ROPING (HEELER)

1. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. \$130,329
2. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil \$124,348
3. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. \$114,189
4. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. \$100,585
5. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. \$99,774
6. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. \$92,099
7. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. \$86,684
8. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. \$79,362
9. Jade Corkin, Fallon, Nev. \$77,552
10. Tyler McKnight, Wells, Texas \$77,323
11. Wesley Thorpe, Thornton, Texas \$76,966
12. Joseph Harrison, Overbrook, Okla. \$76,579
13. Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. \$72,523
14. Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas \$69,929
15. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. \$64,251
16. Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alberta \$63,851
17. Kyle Lockett, Visalia, Calif. \$56,366
18. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. \$49,636
19. Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla. \$48,264
20. John Robertson, Polson, Mont. \$47,955

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas \$177,782
2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta \$166,368
3. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. \$119,657
4. Layton Green, Meeting Creek, Alberta \$110,613
5. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah \$109,337
6. Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla. \$94,658
7. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah \$91,202
8. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas \$89,049
9. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta \$85,846
10. Heath DeMoss, Heflin, La. \$82,719
11. Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo. \$82,034
12. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah \$80,525
13. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. \$79,824
14. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah \$70,678
15. Aude Reed, Spearman, Texas \$69,828
16. Curt Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. \$64,285
17. Allen Boore, Axtell, Utah \$61,711
18. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah \$61,202
19. Bradley Harter, Loranger, La. \$53,736
20. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas \$52,855

TIE-DOWN ROPING

1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas \$176,995
2. Caleb Smidt, Belleville, Texas \$142,194
3. Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas \$113,860
4. Shane Hanchev, Sulphur, La. \$106,097
5. Tyson Durfee, Weatherford, Texas \$99,629
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas \$95,300
7. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas \$90,708
8. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. \$88,916
9. Bradley Harter, Loranger, Texas \$83,603
10. Randall Carlisle, Athens, La. \$82,298
11. Cooper Martin, Alma, Kan. \$81,850
12. Matt Shozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho \$81,339
13. J.C. Malone, Plain City, Utah \$81,330
14. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas \$79,199
15. Wade Swor, Winnie, Texas \$78,293
16. Blaine Cox, Cameron, Texas \$75,496
17. Cody Quaney, Cheney, Kan. \$71,956
18. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, Texas \$69,606
19. Ace Slope, Cuero, Texas \$69,372
20. Bryson Sechrist, Apache, Okla. \$68,508

STEER ROPING

1. Jason Evans, Glen Rose, Texas \$84,156
2. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas \$77,295
3. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. \$72,214
4. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas \$68,084
5. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas \$54,233
6. John Bland, Turkey, Texas \$48,184
7. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. \$47,353
8. Pierre Wharton, Aubrey, Texas \$46,963
9. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas \$45,851
10. Julio LeMond, Andrews, Texas \$45,432
11. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas \$41,932
12. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas \$40,519
13. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. \$40,287
14. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, Colo. \$39,386
15. Shay Good, Midland, Texas \$38,893
16. J.P. Wickert, Sallisaw, Okla. \$37,491
17. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas \$35,603
18. Garrett Hale, Snyder, Texas \$32,555
19. Brian Garr, Belle Fourche, S.D. \$31,754
20. Roger Brantley, Wellston, Okla. \$29,977