

Rockies' Arenado wins 5th straight Gold Glove

Six first-timers among 2017 winners

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Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado has won his fifth consecutive Gold Glove Award, while Twins center fielder Byron Buxton headlines a group of six first-time winners.

Astros and NL champion Dodgers were both shut out. Houston pitcher Dallas Keuchel had won the last three years, but was beaten out this time by Blue Jays righty Marcus Stroman, who snagged his first Gold Glove. "This is one of the main awards I always wanted to win," Stroman said in an interview on ESPN. "I'm ecstatic. This is huge for me." Buxton and Twins second baseman Brian Dozier were also among the first-time winners. The group also includes Angels catcher Martin Maldonado, who ended a four-year reign by Royals backstop Salvador Perez. Reds catcher Tucker

Barnhart and Marlins left fielder Marcell Ozuna also won for the first time. "This is a special moment," Buxton said. Kansas City first baseman Eric Hosmer received his fourth Gold Glove, while Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons and Rays third baseman Evan Longoria each won their third. Simmons hadn't won since 2014, and Longoria got his first since 2010. Boston right fielder Mookie Betts and Braves center fielder Ender Inciarte each won for the second time. Five teams had a pair of winners: the Angels,

Diamondbacks, Rockies, Royals and Twins.

Arenado became the first infielder to win five straight Gold Gloves at the start of his career.

"Obviously, five, it's a pretty special number," he said. "It means a lot. ... Right now I want to try to win as many as I can while I'm healthy."

Barnhart beat out two big stars in fellow finalists Buster Posey and Yadier Molina, becoming the first Cincinnati catcher to win since Hall of Famer Johnny Bench in 1977.

"It's as good as it gets for me. I'm a defensive guy and I take a lot of pride in that," Barnhart said.

Molina won eight years in a row in the National League before Posey was picked last season.

"I am taken aback by it, to be honest with you," Barnhart said. "Buster and Yadi are obviously two of the best guys in baseball."

Every major league manager and up to six coaches on his staff vote for Gold Gloves. They cannot choose their own players. Four years ago, Rawlings added a sabermetric component that comprises about 25 percent of the selection total.

GOP tax bill would have impact on pro, college sports

By BEN NUCKOLS
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WASHINGTON — The Oakland Raiders decided to move to Las Vegas largely because Clark County, Nevada, agreed to finance a new stadium with \$750 million in tax-exempt bonds. Now, that tax exemption could be going away, leaving the county on the hook for even more money.

The GOP tax reform bill released last week would bar state and local governments from issuing tax-exempt bonds for stadium construction, a common feature of stadium deals over the past two decades. It's one of a few reforms in the bill that would affect the world of sports.

Getting rid of stadium subsidies has long been a popular talking point in Washington, and it's not a partisan issue, either. Former president Barack Obama's 2015 budget sought to do away with the tax exemption for stadium bonds. President Donald Trump asked in a tweet last month why the NFL was getting "massive tax breaks" amid the controversy over players kneeling during the national anthem.

"Change tax law!" Trump tweeted. And Congress apparently listened.

"It's good policy," said Ted Gayer, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and the lead author of a study on stadium subsidies. "It's always been kind of a no-brainer politically and, I think, economically."

The Brookings study, released last year, found that the federal government subsidized stadium construction to the tune of \$3.2 billion since 2000. During that stretch, 36 stadiums were built or renovated in part with tax-exempt bonds. The Raiders' stadium would get a \$120 million tax break if the law isn't changed, according to the Brookings analysis.

Sen. James Lankford, an Oklahoma Republican, and Sen. Cory Booker, a New Jersey Democrat, cited those figures when they introduced a bill earlier this year to end the subsidies. Rep. Steve Russell, an Oklahoma Republican, introduced a similar bill in the House.

"Using billions of taxpayer dollars for the subsidization of private stadiums when we have real infrastructure needs in our country is not a good way to prioritize a limited amount of funds," Lankford said. "Tax reform could be a unique opportunity to enact this into law. I'm pleased this idea is gaining momentum."

The NFL argues that communities benefit from stadiums because they create jobs and spur economic development, but many economists say cities never recoup their investments and that the financing deals amount to handouts for wealthy team owners. A new stadium can cause the value of a professional franchise to skyrocket.

"We've always believed the construction of new stadiums and renovations of existing stadiums are economic drivers in local communities," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "If the idea is to promote economic growth, this would be a step backwards."

Getting rid of the tax exemption would have a

negligible impact on federal revenue, bringing in \$200 million over 10 years, according to the bill.

Rep. Dina Titus, a Nevada Democrat and a proponent of the stadium deal, said the bill would harm her district, which includes Las Vegas.

"Eliminating the tax exemption for stadiums could cost Clark County more money to build projects that are already underway," Titus said in a statement. "This is an attack on local governments that will take money away from our communities and hamper infrastructure nationwide."

The elimination of a tool that NFL owners use to defer the costs of new stadiums could be seen as an irony given many owners' support for Trump, who is pinning his hopes on the tax-reform package as he seeks a major legislative accomplishment. Redskins owner Dan Snyder was one of several owners who donated \$1 million to Trump's inaugural committee, and he's looking for a site to build a new stadium. A Redskins spokesman did not respond to requests for comment.

Even if the bill becomes law, teams will still find ways to build stadiums with public money, Gayer said.

"The overwhelming amount of the subsidy comes at the local level, not at the federal level," he said. "What's driving that is, if you're Las Vegas and you want a team, you can't just create a football team. You have to entice a team. There's a fixed supply ... and that creates these bidding wars."

IMPACT ON COLLEGES:

The bill would also get rid of a tax deduction that many universities use to entice donors to buy season tickets, and it would levy a new 20 percent tax on salaries of public university employees who make more than \$1 million — many of whom are football and basketball coaches. Many schools require donors to give thousands of dollars to a booster fund in exchange for the right to purchase tickets. Eighty percent of the amount donated is tax-deductible, and the schools tout the tax benefits as an enticement to give.

Getting rid of the deduction will harm athletic departments that use the contributions to fund sports that don't generate revenue, said Liz Clark, director of federal affairs at the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

"We do know that for some athletic programs, that this can be a critical source of revenue," Clark said. "Eliminating this deduction will hurt the revenue stream and will make it harder for those programs to meet expenses."

Duke University, for example, requires donations of at least \$4,000 per seat for the right to buy coveted men's basketball season tickets at Cameron Indoor Stadium. Michael Schoenfeld, vice president of public affairs and government relations at Duke, said getting rid of the deduction was tantamount to "a tax on education and a tax on opportunity for all students, which is not in anyone's interest."

Senator presses University of Oregon on handling of allegations against men's basketball player

Associated Press

EUGENE — U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden is pushing the University of Oregon for more information on how it handled a rape allegation made against a basketball player last year.

The Democratic senator from Oregon sent a letter to the university's president last week, saying he was troubled by the questions raised in an article published in Sports Illustrated last month. The article casts doubt on if the university properly followed its policies on student sexual misconduct when the allegation surfaced in the fall of

2016, The Register-Guard reported.

"If these reports are accurate, they raise major questions about the university's commitment to creating and maintaining a safe campus environment," Wyden wrote.

Criminal charges were never filed against the player, who has since transferred from the university. The player has said the encounter that occurred in Wyoming was consensual.

While the player was under investigation in Wyoming, he continued to play basketball. University officials said the information campus police and the university's Title IX

coordinator received was not enough to trigger some of the protocols for sexual misconduct cases.

As a result, the coordinator was not required to notify the student conduct and community standards director so they could together consider taking action, like suspending the player or launching an investigation on whether he violated the student code of conduct, officials said.

In the letter, Wyden asked how the university determines what information is required to trigger its sexual misconduct protocols and what penalties employees face for not following those

protocols. The letter seeks answers by Nov. 20.

Tobin Klinger, a spokesman for the university, said they will respond to the senator's questions. In this case, the university "followed the process as necessary under nuanced and challenging circumstances," he said.

"While we understand that at first glance the selective information provided by the media may appear concerning, we would also respond that the media often does not have the entirety of the information due to privacy laws, which we vigorously enforce," Klinger said.

Prep Volleyball

Grizzlies, Cougs litter all-Old Oregon League team

East Oregonian

The Old Oregon League released its all-league volleyball teams and local teams Helix, Echo, and Nixyaawii were all represented.

Helix, which finished third in the league with a 21-10 overall record, had the most spots of the locals with three. Senior middle blocker

Sadie Wilson was Helix's lone first team selection, while senior middle blocker/outside hitter Kailey Mize and senior setter Charmayne Bennett were both second team selections.

The Echo Cougars had two selections for a team that finished second in the district. Senior setter Monique Montoya grabbed

a first team selection, with junior hitter Lexie Cox earning honorable mention.

And for Nixyaawii, senior Kaitlynn Melton was an honorable mention.

Cove's Maggie Ledbetter was voted as the league's Player of the Year and Joseph's coach Jill Hite was picked as Coach of the Year.

Old Oregon League
Player of the Year: Maggie Ledbetter, Cove
Coach of the Year: Jill Hite, Joseph
First Team
Maggie Ledbetter, sr., Cove; Sadie Wilson, sr., Helix; Megan Bingham, jr., Powder Valley; Megan Hufford, sr., Powder Valley; Emma Hite, jr., Joseph; Alexis Sykora, sr., Joseph; Monique Montoya, sr., Echo.
Second Team
Kailey Mize, sr., Helix; Charmayne Bennett, sr., Helix; Brooke Allen, fr., Powder Valley; Bailey Cole, fr., Powder Valley; Sabrina Albee, fr., Joseph; Rylee Goller, jr., Wallawa.
Honorable Mention
Lexie Cox, jr., Echo; Tori Tuto, jr., Joseph; Raegan Dudy, fr., Cove; Ashlyn Young, so., Wallawa; Aubrey Vannice, jr., Pine Eagle; Kaitlyn Melton, sr., Nixyaawii.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL	
Friday	No. 6 South Albany at No. 3 Hermiston (5A quarterfinals), 7 p.m.
Saturday	No. 8 Heppner at No. 1 St. Paul (2A quarterfinals, at Newberg High School), 1 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER	
Saturday	No. 1 Riversiders vs. No. 3 Catlin Gabel (OSAA 3A/2A/1A Championship at Liberty HS, Hillsboro), TBD
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	
Wednesday	BMCC at Columbia Basin, 6 p.m.
Friday	Eastern Oregon vs. College of Idaho (CCC Tournament at Corban University), 4 p.m.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
Saturday	Carroll at Eastern Oregon, Noon
COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING	
Thursday	Eastern Oregon at Oregon State, TBD
COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING	
Sunday	Eastern Oregon at Pacific, TBD

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.	Minnesota at Washington, 10 a.m.
L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.	New Orleans at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 10 a.m.	Cincinnati at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.	Cleveland at Detroit, 10 a.m.
Houston at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m.	N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 1:25 p.m.	New England at Denver, 5:30 p.m.
Open: Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Oakland	
Monday's Game	Miami at Carolina, 5:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	15	11	2	24	59	42
Toronto	16	9	7	0	18	61
Ottawa	14	6	3	5	17	51
Detroit	16	8	7	1	17	45
Boston	13	6	4	3	15	39
Montreal	16	7	8	1	15	44
Buffalo	15	5	8	2	12	38
Florida	14	4	8	2	10	48
Metropolitan Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	17	9	6	2	20	45
New Jersey	14	9	4	1	19	50
Columbus	16	9	6	1	19	42
N.Y. Islanders	15	8	5	2	18	55
Washington	16	8	7	1	17	47
Philadelphia	15	7	6	2	16	47
N.Y. Rangers	16	7	7	2	16	52
Carolina	13	5	5	3	13	35
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	16	12	3	1	25	53
Winnipeg	14	8	3	3	19	46
Nashville	15	8	5	2	18	40
Colorado	14	8	6	0	18	48
Dallas	15	8	7	0	16	42
Chicago	15	7	6	2	16	43
Minnesota	13	5	6	2	12	40
Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	15	11	2	3	24	52
Vegas	15	9	5	1	19	44
Vancouver	15	8	5	2	18	37
San Jose	13	8	5	0	16	30
Calgary	15	8	7	0	16	38
Anaheim	15	6	7	3	15	43
Edmonton	14	5	8	1	11	32
Arizona	17	2	13	2	6	42

Auto Racing

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series Playoff Points Standings	
1. Martin Truex Jr.	4168*
2. Kyle Busch	4118*
3. Kevin Harvick	4112*
4. Brad Keselowski	4111
5. Denny Hamlin	4092
6. Ryan Blaney	4089
7. Chase Elliott	4062
8. Jimmie Johnson	4060
*Climbed next round	
Upcoming schedule	
Sunday — Can-Am 500 at Phoenix Raceway, 11:30 a.m. (TV: NBC)	
Nov. 19 — Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, 11:30 a.m. (TV: NBC)	

Prep Scores

OSAA PLAYOFFS	
BOYS SOCCER	
6A Semifinals	
No. 1 Jesuit 3, No. 4 South Eugene 0	No. 2 Westview 2, No. 3 Grant 1
5A Semifinals	
No. 9 Woodburn 3, No. 5 La Salle Prep 2 (PK's 5-4)	No. 2 Corvallis 1, No. 6 Bend 0
4A Semifinals	
No. 4 Brookings-Harbor 2, No. 4 Brookings-Harbor 1 (PK's 3-1)	No. 2 Stayton 2, No. 3 Mac-Hi 1, OT
3A/2A/1A Semifinals	
No. 1 Riversiders 4, No. 5 De La Salle North Catholic 0	No. 3 Catlin Gabel 4, No. 10 Riverdale 1
GIRLS SOCCER	
6A Semifinals	
No. 1 Jesuit 6, No. 12 Lincoln 0	No. 2 Sunset 2, No. 11 Glencoe 1
5A Semifinals	
No. 1 North Eugene 2, No. 4 Sandy 1	No. 2 Summit 2, No. 3 Crescent Valley 0
4A Semifinals	
No. 9 Hidden Valley 1, No. 5 Molalla 0	No. 10 Valley Catholic 4, No. 11 Philomath 0
3A/2A/1A Semifinals	
No. 1 Oregon Episcopal 6, No. 5 St. Mary's 1	No. 2 Catlin Gabel 5, No. 11 Lakeview 1

Football

NFL	
Week 10	
Thursday's Game	Seattle at Arizona, 5:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games	

Soccer

MLS Playoffs	
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Eastern Conference	
Tuesday, Nov. 21: Toronto at Columbus, 5 p.m.	Wednesday, Nov. 29: Columbus at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Western Conference	
Tuesday, Nov. 21: Seattle at Houston, 7 p.m.	Thursday, Nov. 30: Houston at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.
MLS CUP	
Saturday, Dec. 9: at highest seed, 1 p.m.	

Basketball

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	9	2	.818	—
Toronto	6	4	.600	2½
New York	6	4	.600	2½
Philadelphia	6	4	.600	2½
Brooklyn	4	7	.364	5
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	6	4	.600	—
Washington	5	5	.500	1
Charlotte	5	6	.455	1½

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