

BRIEFLY
Seth Collins granted release from OSU

CORVALLIS (AP) — Wide receiver Seth Collins has been granted his release from the Oregon State Beavers.

Collins, a junior, played in just three games last season because of illness and injuries. He finished with 12 catches for 130 yards and one touchdown.

His best game came on Oct. 7 against USC, when he caught five passes for 91 yards.

A dynamic playmaker, Collins was a quarterback for the Beavers his freshman year but the next season he shifted to wide receiver. For his career at Oregon State, he had 48 catches for 548 yards and two touchdowns.

He was also hospitalized with an illness that kept him out of the final two games of the 2016 season.

Oregon’s Freeman to sit out bowl game

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Oregon senior running back Royce Freeman won’t play in the Las Vegas Bowl against Boise State on Saturday.

New Oregon coach Mario Cristobal announced the decision Thursday.

Oregon’s all-time leading rusher had practiced earlier this week in Las Vegas, leading to speculation he may play.

“This is hard for him. This is not an easy decision for a guy who’s invested his heart and soul in this program,” Cristobal said.

The Ducks coach did not say whether fellow senior Tyrell Crosby would play.

Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey and LSU running back Leonard Fournette both sat out bowl games to avoid injury as they prepared for the NFL draft.

Freeman, who could be taken in the early rounds of the 2018 draft, set the Pac-12 record with 60 career rushing touchdowns, surpassing Oregon State’s Ken Simonton, who ran for 59 from 1998-01.

He holds Oregon career records for rushing yards (5,621), rushing touchdowns (60), total touchdowns (64) and 100-yard rushing games (31).



Collins



Freeman

NFL

Seattle fortunate they’re not missing more

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The good news for the Seattle Seahawks is that no one on their defense was suspended for the chaos that ensued at the conclusion of their trip to Jacksonville.

They still could be significantly undermanned heading into the most important game of the regular season to date.

The Seahawks might be down as many as five starters on defense from the start of the season going into Sunday’s NFC West showdown with the first-place Los Angeles Rams. Seattle has learned how to play without defensive end Cliff Avril, cornerback Richard Sherman and safety Kam Chancellor as all three have been out for more than a month.

But last Sunday’s loss

at Jacksonville cost the Seahawks two of the more important remaining pieces. Linebackers Bobby Wagner (hamstring) and K.J. Wright (concussion) are both in question for the matchup with the Rams.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said Wright is still going through concussion protocol, while Wagner wants to play but won’t test the injury until later in the week.

It’s a challenging scenario for Seattle to be facing going against the No. 2 scoring offense in the NFL.

“We’ve been under it before many times. This doesn’t seem that much different. We’re not taking it any different. Our approach isn’t any different. Next guy up and away we go,” Carroll said Wednesday. “The guys have to rally around those guys as they step in and that’s



AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton

A Seattle Seahawks staff member tries to remove Seahawks defensive tackle Quinton Jefferson, left, from the field as an object thrown from the stands hits them during the closing moments of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

part of what you’re calling for. Everyone has to rally.”

It could have been far worse.

Seattle escaped potential

major punishment against defensive linemen Michael Bennett, Sheldon Richardson and Quinton Jefferson for their actions at the conclu-

sion of last Sunday’s loss to the Jaguars. Richardson and Jefferson were ejected, while Bennett’s personal foul instigated the mayhem. The trio will likely be receiving large fines from the league but avoiding suspensions was a major boost for the Seahawks.

Jefferson’s actions drew the most attention because of his brief attempt to climb a wall to go after fans who had thrown bottles at him as he was leaving the field following his ejection. Jefferson said Wednesday that the bottles plus a specific comment he heard about his mother set him off.

“It was even worse because my kids have seen it, my wife has seen it,” Jefferson said. “She was upset about it and I felt even more upset for them because they had to watch that.”

JAMES: Knew after win over Summit the Dawgs were special

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the ball?”

But immediately following the tough loss to Mountain View, things started to click for James and the Bulldogs. They put together a beatdown of Summit in Bend, giving Summit its first league loss since 2014. James remembers seeing how the Bulldogs came together against the powerhouse Storm team on the road in a raucous environment. He knew right then that 2017 could be a special season.

“I don’t know if it was homecoming night but they (Summit) had a big student section and were brought in by police (escort) and you’re like ‘This town’s ready to play,’” James recalled. “And then we go in and we’re scoring and stopping them and we wondered ‘If we play together how are we going to be stopped?’ And that led to another win, and another win and after we started winning it was expected.”

The Bulldogs went on to win six straight games to close out the regular season, including a blowout win in the final rivalry game against Pendleton, helping Hermiston finish second in the tough 5A Special District 1 and earn the No. 3 seed in the 5A state playoffs.

In those playoffs, James took his game to an even higher level. He threw for 765 yards and 10 touchdowns with 268 rushing yards and three scores in four games. He made big play after big play when the Bulldogs needed it, with



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston quarterback Andrew James gains yardage during the 2017 meeting with Pendleton at the Round-Up.

clutch throws to seniors Dayshawn Neal and Joe Gutierrez and using his legs to pick up first downs.

But a favorite moment was taking the final knee to run the last seconds off the clock, officially clinching the state championship.

“When I took that last knee, there’s really no words for it, you really can’t describe it,” James said with a grin. “The look on the coaches’ faces, seeing everyone running and jumping, you can’t get that moment taken from you.”

Now James will enjoy basketball and baseball before getting back to work for his senior season on the gridiron. He wants to help Hermiston win back-to-back state championships and bring the first WIAA title to the school. But he knows it will be a challenge.

All-Area Football Team

SECOND TEAM

QB — Brett Speed, Weston-McEwen, sr.
RB — Josue Aguilera, Irrigon, jr.; Adrian Renner, Stanfield, sr.
WR — Cam Sandford, Pendleton, jr.; Joey Gutierrez, Hermiston, sr.; Beau Wolters, Heppner, sr.
OL — Tyler Carter, Heppner, jr.; Taylor Arnold, Hermiston, sr.; Weston Phillips, Weston-McEwen, jr.; Spencer Wells, Mac-Hi, sr.; Alex Walls, Irrigon, jr.
DL — Beau Skinner, Pendleton, jr.; Michael Breeding, Mac-Hi, sr.; Morgan Marcum, Echo, sr.; Patton Wright, Weston-McEwen, jr.
LB — Josh Torres, Mac-Hi, sr.; Peter Earl, Hermiston, sr.; Brett Speed, Weston-McEwen, sr.; Gavin Hanna-Robinson, Heppner, jr.
DB — Daniel Vera, Irrigon, sr.; Parker Munck, Weston-McEwen, sr.; Justin Keeney, Stanfield, sr.; Tyler Rohrman, Hermiston, sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

QB — Devan Craig, Echo, sr.; Mason Hegar, Riverside, sr.
RB — Shawn Yeager, Pendleton, jr.; Zack Gerke, Echo, sr.; Justin Keeney, Stanfield, sr.; Dylan Cain, Weston-McEwen, sr.
WR — Tanner Stephan, Pendleton, sr.; Blake Davis, Pendleton, jr.; Felix Aparicio, Riverside, sr.; Ty Mulder, Echo, sr.
OL — Cetch Kelly, Pendleton, jr.; Jacob Liebe, Hermiston, jr.; Jose Huato, Hermiston, sr.; Dakota Howard, Heppner, jr.; Travis McGee, Pendleton, so.; Rene Sanchez, Stanfield, so.
DL — Brandyn Chaney, Mac-Hi, sr.; Cody Wizener, Hermiston, jr.; Weston Phillips, Weston-McEwen, jr.; Shayne Keltz, Stanfield, sr.
LB — Keith Fleming, Irrigon, jr.; Aiden Patterson, Pendleton, jr.; Jason Rea, Heppner, so.; Makiah Blankenship, Stanfield, sr.; Riley Gorman, Riverside.
DB — Ian Bannister, Pendleton, jr.; Youbani Razon, Hermiston, jr.; Kaden Webb, Umatilla, sr.; Allan Mendoza, Mac-Hi, sr.; Jacob Speed, Weston-McEwen, sr.

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday
Condon/Wheeler vs. Mac-Hi (at Pilot Rock), 4:30 p.m.
Ione vs. Riverside (at Stanfield), 4:30 p.m.
Umatilla vs. Gervais (at Amity), 4:45 p.m.
Putnam at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 7 p.m.
Echo at Helix, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Imbler, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Enterprise at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.
Elgin at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Union, 7:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Lewiston (ID), 3 p.m.
Echo at Pine Eagle, 3 p.m.
Helix at Wallowa, 5 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Imbler, 5:30 p.m.
Grant Union at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.
Cove at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Stanfield vs. TBD (at Stanfield), TBD
Ione vs. TBD (at Stanfield), TBD
Riverside vs. TBD (at Stanfield), TBD
Umatilla vs. TBD (at Amity), TBD

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday
Condon/Wheeler vs. Mac-Hi (at Pilot Rock), 3 p.m.
Umatilla vs. Gervais (at Amity), 3 p.m.
Ione vs. Riverside (at Stanfield), 3 p.m.
Heppner at Imbler, 3 p.m.
Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 5 p.m.
Irrigon at Union, 6 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, 6 p.m.
Enterprise at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Elgin at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Echo at Helix, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Mac-Hi vs. Enterprise (at Pilot Rock), 1 p.m.
Echo at Pine Eagle, 4 p.m.
Cove at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Imbler, 4 p.m.
Grant Union at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.
Helix at Wallowa, 5 p.m.
La Grande vs. Irrigon (at Hermiston), 7 p.m.
Ione vs. TBD (at Stanfield), TBD
Umatilla vs. TBD (at Amity), TBD
Stanfield vs. TBD (at Stanfield), TBD
Riverside vs. TBD (at Stanfield), TBD

PREP WRESTLING

Friday
Hermiston at Tri-State (ID)
Pendleton at Banks
Echo at Twin Falls (ID)
Irrigon vs. Riverside
Saturday
Hermiston at Tri-State (ID)
Pendleton at Liberty Tournament (Hillsboro)
Mac-Hi, Riverside, Irrigon, Heppner, Echo at Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at La Grande

COLLEGE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Friday
Bellevue at BMCC, 2 p.m.
Saturday
Green River CC at BMCC, Noon

COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL

Friday
BMCC at College of Southern Idaho, 6 p.m.
Saturday
BMCC vs. Snow College, 3:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Tampa Bay 31 23 6 2 48 117 75
Toronto 33 20 12 1 41 108 94
Boston 29 15 10 4 34 84 82
Montreal 32 14 14 4 32 87 100
Detroit 31 11 13 7 29 83 102
Florida 32 12 15 5 29 93 110
Ottawa 30 10 13 7 27 82 103
Buffalo 32 8 18 6 22 68 106
Metropolitan Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Columbus 32 20 11 1 41 94 84
Washington 33 20 12 1 41 105 96
New Jersey 31 17 9 5 39 95 94
N.Y. Islanders 32 17 12 3 37 114 111
N.Y. Rangers 31 16 12 3 35 101 92
Pittsburgh 32 17 13 3 35 95 106
Philadelphia 31 13 11 7 31 83 93
Carolina 30 12 11 7 31 83 93

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Nashville 31 20 7 4 44 106 85
St. Louis 33 21 10 2 44 105 84
Winnipeg 32 18 9 5 41 108 92
Minnesota 31 17 11 3 37 91 88
Dallas 32 18 13 1 37 96 92
Chicago 32 16 11 5 37 98 85
Colorado 31 15 14 2 32 96 101
Pacific Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Los Angeles 32 19 9 3 43 98 73
Vegas 31 20 9 2 42 108 95
San Jose 30 17 10 3 37 82 71
Calgary 32 16 13 3 35 91 99
Anaheim 32 14 11 7 35 86 92
Vancouver 32 14 14 4 32 83 97
Edmonton 32 13 17 2 28 93 105
Arizona 34 7 22 5 19 76 118

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday’s Games
Philadelphia 2, Buffalo 1
Washington 5, Boston 3
Columbus 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
Montreal 2, New Jersey 1, OT
Chicago 5, Winnipeg 1
Anaheim 3, St. Louis 1
Minnesota 2, Toronto 0
Colorado 2, Florida 1
Tampa Bay 4, Arizona 1
Nashville 4, Edmonton 0
San Jose 3, Calgary 2
Vegas 2, Pittsburgh 1

Friday’s Games
Dallas at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.

San Jose at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Basketball

NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 24 6 800 —
Toronto 18 8 692 4
New York 15 13 536 8
Philadelphia 14 13 519 8½
Brooklyn 11 16 407 11½

Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
Washington 15 13 536 —
Miami 13 14 481 1½
Orlando 11 18 379 4½
Charlotte 10 17 370 4½
Atlanta 6 22 214 9

Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 21 8 724 —
Milwaukee 15 11 577 4½
Indiana 16 12 571 4½
Detroit 15 13 536 5½
Chicago 7 20 259 13

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
Houston 22 4 846 —
San Antonio 19 9 679 4
New Orleans 15 14 517 8½
Memphis 8 20 286 15
Dallas 8 21 276 15

Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Minnesota 17 12 586 —
Denver 15 13 536 1½
Portland 14 13 519 2
Oklahoma City 13 14 481 3
Utah 13 15 464 3½

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
Golden State 23 6 793 —
L.A. Clippers 11 15 423 10
L.A. Lakers 10 17 370 11½
Sacramento 9 19 321 13
Phoenix 9 21 300 14

Thursday’s Games
Detroit 105, Atlanta 91
New York 111, Brooklyn 104
Cleveland 121, L.A. Lakers 112
Minnesota 119, Sacramento 96
Golden State 112, Dallas 97
Friday’s Games
Detroit at Indiana, 4 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 4 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Brooklyn at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Utah at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 6:30 p.m.

NCAA

Men’s College Basketball

Top 25
Thursday’s Games
No. 21 Baylor 99, Texas Southern 68
Friday’s Games
No games scheduled.
Saturday’s Games
No. 6 Miami at George Washington, 9

a.m. (CBSSN)
No. 15 Seton Hall at Rutgers, 9 a.m.
Butler at No. 17 Purdue, 9 a.m. (FOX)
No. 2 Michigan State vs. Oakland, 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Virginia Tech at No. 8 Kentucky, 11 a.m. (ESPN2)
E. Tenn. State at No. 10 Xavier, 11 a.m.
Wheeling Jesuit at No. 11 W. Virginia, 11 a.m.
Davidson at No. 16 Virginia, 11 a.m.
Oklahoma St. at No. 19 Florida St., 11 a.m.

Indiana at No. 18 Notre Dame, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)
No. 25 Cincinnati at UCLA, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Oklahoma at No. 3 Wichita State, 1 p.m. (ESPN2)

No. 22 Florida at Clemson, 1:30 p.m.
North Dakota at No. 12 Gonzaga, 5 p.m.
No. 13 Kansas at Nebraska, 5 p.m. (FS1)
No. 23 Arizona at New Mexico, 5 p.m. (CBSSN)
Rice at No. 24 Texas Tech, 5 p.m.

Pac-12
Thursday’s Games
Santa Clara at USC, 7 p.m. (PAC12)
Friday’s Games
South Dakota St. at Colorado, 5 p.m. (PAC12)

Denver at Stanford, 7 p.m. (PAC12)
Saturday’s Games
No. 25 Cincinnati at UCLA, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Cal State Fullerton at Cal, 1 p.m. (PAC12)
Oregon at Fresno State, 3 p.m. (CBSSN)
IUPUI at Washington St., 3 p.m. (PAC12)
No. 23 Arizona at New Mexico, 5 p.m. (CBSSN)

Oregon State vs. Saint Louis, 7:30 p.m. (PAC12)
Utah at BYU, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Women’s College Basketball

Top 25
Thursday’s Games
No games scheduled.
Friday’s Games
Dartmouth at No. 13 Ohio State, 4 p.m.
Southern at No. 22 South Florida, 4 p.m.
No. 19 Texas A&M at USC, 7 p.m.

Pac-12
Thursday’s Games
New Mexico St. at Arizona, 10 a.m.
Friday’s Games
Colorado at Air Force, 6 p.m.
Texas A&M at USC, 7 p.m.

Football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
New England 10 3 0 769 368 250
Buffalo 7 6 0 538 240 290
Miami 6 7 0 462 236 318
N.Y. Jets 5 8 0 385 266 311

South
W L T Pct PF PA
Jacksonville 9 4 0 692 329 202
Tennessee 8 5 0 615 273 294
Houston 4 9 0 308 312 335
Indianapolis 3 11 0 214 225 368

North
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Pittsburgh 11 2 0 846 320 251
Baltimore 7 6 0 538 318 246
Cincinnati 5 8 0 385 226 271
Cleveland 0 13 0 000 197 335

West
W L T Pct PF PA
Kansas City 7 6 0 538 329 289
L.A. Chargers 7 6 0 538 316 294
Oakland 6 7 0 462 264 304
Denver 5 9 0 357 254 328

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Philadelphia 11 2 0 846 404 250
L.A. Chargers 7 6 0 538 316 294
Washington 5 8 0 385 285 344
N.Y. Giants 2 11 0 154 199 321

South
W L T Pct PF PA
New Orleans 9 4 0 692 370 263
Carolina 9 4 0 692 300 262
Atlanta 8 5 0 615 314 252
Tampa Bay 4 9 0 308 264 312

North
W L T Pct PF PA
Minnesota 10 3 0 769 309 235
Detroit 7 6 0 538 338 329
Green Bay 7 6 0 538 285 302
Chicago 4 9 0 308 224 274

West
W L T Pct PF PA
L.A. Rams 9 4 0 692 396 265
Seattle 8 5 0 615 314 252
Arizona 6 7 0 462 231 317
San Francisco 3 10 0 231 228 314

Week 15 Schedule

Thursday’s Games
Denver 25, Indianapolis 13
Saturday’s Games
Chicago at Detroit, 1:30 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 5:25 p.m. (PAC12)

Sunday’s Games
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.
Arizona at Washington, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 1:25 p.m.
Tennessee at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at Oakland, 5:30 p.m.

Monday’s Games
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA

Bowl Schedule

Saturday’s Games
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
NC A&T (11-0) vs. Grambling State (11-1), 9 a.m. (ABC)

New Orleans Bowl
North Texas (9-4) vs. Troy (10-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Georgia State (6-5) vs. Western Kentucky (6-6), 11:30 a.m. (CBSSN)

Las Vegas Bowl
Boise State (10-3) vs. Oregon (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque

Colorado State (7-5) vs. Marshall (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Arkansas State (7-3) vs. Middle Tennessee (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Rodeo

Wrangler NFR

World Standings
Through 7th performance
All-Around
1. Trevor Brazile (Decatur, TX), \$319,337
2. Tuf Cooper (Weatherford, TX), \$296,983
3. Caleb Smidt (Bellville, TX), \$207,894
4. Erich Rogers (Round Rock, AZ), \$199,123

5. Junior Nogueira (Presidente Prudente, TX), \$198,538
Bareback Riding
1. Tim O’Connell (Zwingle, IA), \$298,646
2. Richmond Champion (The Woodlands, TX), \$205,049
3. Tanner Aus (Granite Falls, MN), \$201,868

4. Clayton Biglow (Clements, CA), \$200,557
5. Jake Vold (Ponoka, AB), \$185,705
Steer Wrestling
1. Ty Erickson (Helena, MT), \$235,767
2. Tyler Pearson (Louisville, TX), \$201,980
3. Tyler Vaguepack (Gonzales, LA), \$189,392

4. Dakota Eldridge (Elko, NV), \$157,333
5. Tanner Milani (Cochrane, AB), \$156,265
Team Roping - Healers
1. Luke Brown (Stephenville, TX), \$210,457
2. Erich Rogers (Round Rock, AZ), \$204,070

3. Kaleb Driggers (Hoboken, TX), \$196,086
4. Chase Smith (Broken Bow, TX), \$176,824
5. Riley Minor (Elensburg, WA), \$161,798
Team Roping - Healers
1. Cory Petska (Marana, AZ), \$204,070
2. Jake Long (Coffeyville, TX), \$201,928
3. Junior Nogueira (Presidente Prudente, TX), \$196,815

4. Dakota Eldridge (Elko, NV), \$157,333
5. Tanner Milani (Cochrane, AB), \$156,265
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1. Luke Brown (Stephenville, TX), \$210,457
2. Erich Rogers (Round Rock, AZ), \$204,070

3. Kaleb Driggers (Hoboken, TX), \$196,086
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