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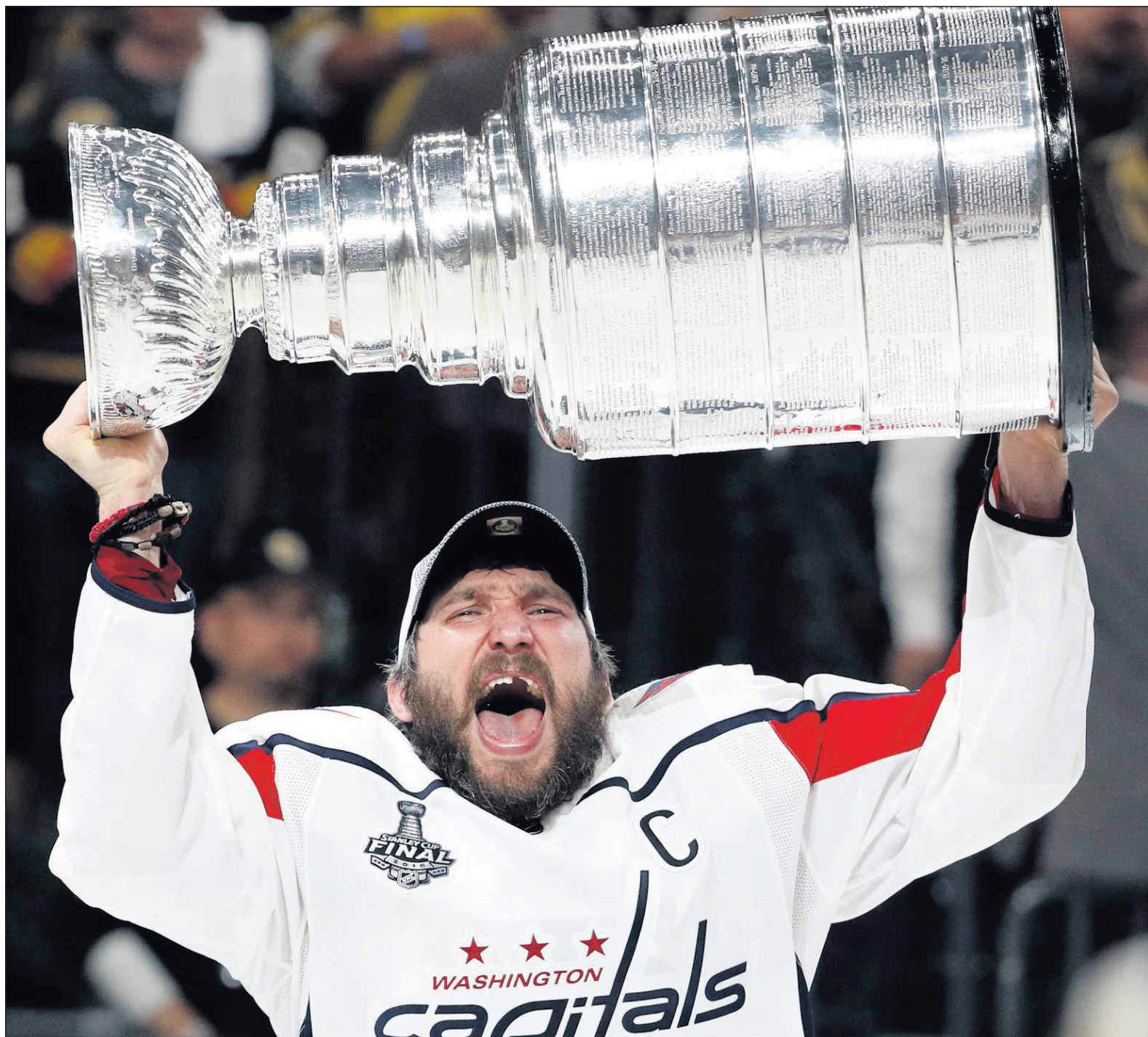
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STANLEY CUP FINALS

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AP Photo/John Locher

Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin, of Russia, hoists the Stanley Cup after the Capitals defeated the Golden Knights in Game 5 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals on Thursday in Las Vegas.

Capitals win Stanley Cup for first time in team history

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — After 43 seasons, the Washington Capitals are finally sitting on top of hockey.

Lars Eller scored the tiebreaking goal with 7:37 to play, and the Capitals raised the Stanley Cup for the first time in franchise history after a 4-3 victory over the Vegas Golden Knights in Game 5 on Thursday night.

Captain Alex Ovechkin capped his playoff MVP campaign with a power-play goal, and Devante Smith-Pelly tied it with a full-stretch goal midway through the final

period of the Capitals' fourth consecutive victory over the Golden Knights, whose incredible expansion season finally ended in the desert.

So did the Capitals' agonizing wait for their first championship since the franchise's debut in 1974. After so many years of crushing disappointment for a team with a lengthy history of postseason failure, these Capitals confidently won their fourth consecutive closeout game with a tenacious third-period comeback in Vegas.

Ovechkin and his teammates are Washington's first championship hockey team — and their city's first champion in a major pro sport since the Redskins won the Super

Bowl in early 1992.

"We did it," said Ovechkin, whose 15 playoff goals set a franchise record. "That's all that matters. Look at the smiles on my teammates. This is something you'll never forget. This moment, I'll remember for the rest of my life. I'm so happy. It's unbelievable."

After Ovechkin accepted the Conn Smythe Trophy, he received the Cup from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman. Ovechkin shouted "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" through his gap-toothed grin before skating away and hoisting the prize over his head for a

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Mariners beat Rays as Leake pitches into 9th

By MARK DITLER
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mike Leake had Seattle cruising toward a comfortable victory. A late Tampa Bay surge merely helped the Mariners pad their record in one-run games.

Leake pitched into the ninth inning, Mitch Haniger homered and drove in three, and the AL West-leading Mariners beat the Rays 5-4 on Thursday night.

Leake (6-3) was lifted with a 5-1 lead after allowing his eighth hit, a leadoff double in the ninth to Wilson Ramos. Johnny Field hit a three-run double off Alex Colome before the former Rays' closer got a game-ending grounder from Daniel Robertson.

"We got enough offense early in the game, and pitching and defense was the story again," Mariners manager Scott Servais said.

Seattle leads the majors in one-run wins (19) and decisions (28).

Haniger has 46 RBIs, one off his career high set last season. The Mariners won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Robertson homered for the Rays, who have scored 16 runs during a seven-game losing streak. The slide includes a three-game sweep last weekend in Seattle.

"Somehow we've got to figure out a way to win a ballgame," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said.

The Rays are 9-15 in one-run games.

Seattle took a 3-0 lead in the second off Austin Pruitt (1-3). Dee Gordon hit a sacrifice fly, and then Jean Segura scored from first base on Haniger's two-run single — a ball that second baseman Joey Wendle dived for and knocked down in shallow right field.

Denard Span, playing at Tropicana Field for the first time since being traded with Colome by Tampa Bay to Seattle on May 25th, made it 4-0 with a solo homer in the third.

"A little odd walking in the stadium and by the home clubhouse definitely felt a little weird, especially when the trade just happened a week ago," said Span, who

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PENDLETON

PHS Linebacker's Club to induct 17 into Hall of Fame

Coaches Lyle Phelps, Dale Warberg headline Class of 2018

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Lyle Phelps and Dale Warberg are two of the greatest coaches Pendleton High School has ever seen, and they'll

be recognized yet again this summer for the winning traditions both started.

Phelps and Warberg are two of 16 individuals as well as the 1980 Pendleton football team that will be inducted into the Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame on June 29.

A legend on the baseball field, Phelps, a Pendleton native, managed the Buckaroos from 1976-

1994 and compiled a career record of 376-136 with state Coach of the Year awards in 1992 and 1994 and groomed many Buckaroo greats. The Buckaroos made the state tournament 13 total times in Phelps' tenure, including 12 straight appearances from 1983-1994.

Warberg, the namesake of the Pendleton High gymnasium, Warberg Court, coached the Buckaroos boys basketball program for

24 seasons. In those two dozen seasons, the Buckaroos compiled a 376-186 record (.670), 11 Intermountain Conference championships and appeared in the state tournament 14 times.

Here is a brief look at the rest of the Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame Class of 2018 inductees that will be enshrined on June 29 at the Linebacker Club's annual Hall of Fame Reception at the Pendleton

Convention Center.

• **David Stuvland (1975-1979)** left his mark on the football field as a standout fullback for the Buckaroos, rushing for more than 2,000 yards in his career and earned all-conference and all-state honors as a senior.

• **Sam Haynes (1952-1956)** quarterbacked Pendleton's first two

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Owens says he won't attend his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction

(AP) — Terrell Owens says he will not attend the induction ceremony for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August, an unprecedented decision by an inductee.

He informed them he would not be on hand for the enshrinements. Owens said in a statement, "After visiting Canton earlier this year, I came to the realization that I wish to celebrate what will be one of the most memorable days of my life, elsewhere."



AP Photo/Michel Euler

Stephens eyes second Slam title

PARIS (AP) — Sloane Stephens closed in on her second Grand Slam title by beating pal Madison Keys 6-4, 6-4 on Thursday in the first all-American semifinal at the French Open since 2002. It also was a rematch of the U.S. Open final won by Stephens last September.

The 10th-seeded Stephens' opponent in Saturday's final will be Simona

Halep, who emphatically ended the impressive French Open run of 2016 champion Garbine Muguruza by defeating her 6-1, 6-4.

Halep, who assured herself of retaining the No. 1 ranking with the victory, earned a fourth chance to win her first major title.

She twice has lost in the final at Roland Garros — in '14 and in 2017. — and was

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1935 — Omaha, ridden by Willis Saunders, becomes the third horse to win the Triple Crown by capturing the Belmont Stakes.

1986 — Larry Bird scores 29 points to lead the Boston Celtics to a 114-97 victory over the Houston Rockets and their 16th NBA title.

1990 — The "Indomitable Lions" of Cameroon pull off one of the greatest upsets in soccer history, 1-0 over defending champion Argentina in the first game of the World Cup.

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