

SEAHAWKS FOOTBALL

The 'Hawks are back

Seahawks camp begins, but another safety holdout dampens the day

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RENTON, Wash. — For the second time in four seasons, the Seattle Seahawks have started training camp with a star safety absent because of his contract situation.

This one may not end as amicably as the last time.

In an offseason already filled with big name departures, the Seahawks opened camp Thursday without safety Earl Thomas, who is trying to force the hand of the only franchise he's played for in his attempt to get a new contract.

Thomas' current deal runs through the end of the upcoming season. He announced his intentions in June to skip any team activities until Seattle addressed his long-term security and he held true to that statement by skipping the mandatory mini-camp and not showing up for the Seahawks' first practice.

While Thomas' teammates seemed to understand what he is doing, coach Pete Carroll seemed less than thrilled to be facing another prolonged holdout.

"We always expected him to be here. That's kind of how it is. He should be here and he's not," Carroll said. "It's really about the guys that are here and we're going to keep moving and grooving and putting it together. It's unfortunate."

If this feels familiar, it's because the Seahawks went down this road before the start of



Seattle Seahawks fullback Khalid Hill (40) drinks water during NFL football training camp, in Renton, Wash.

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the 2015 season with safety Kam Chancellor. Chancellor unexpectedly decided to hold out as he also sought a new contract even with three years remaining on his deal. Seattle never budged from its position, causing a contrite Chancellor to finally report after the second week of the regular season.

Chancellor eventually got a new contract before the 2017 season.

Thomas may not be as fortunate, especially considering some of his antics late last season indicating he wanted out of Seattle, and one social media post in particular where he asked the Seahawks to trade him if he



Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll smiles and he greets players at Seahawks training camp.

wasn't getting a new contract. "We're expecting him back. He's under contract," Carroll said.

Seattle's training camp start had a surreal feeling. Carroll was still running around in charge, while Russell Wilson was leading the offense and Bobby Wagner, the defense.

But so many of the familiar faces that defined Seattle's roster for the past half-decade were gone. Richard Sherman, Michael Bennett and Jimmy Graham all have new addresses. Chancellor is unlikely to play again due to a neck injury and had to be

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Mariners hope slumping offense can rediscover its punch

Seattle's averaging just 3.2 runs per game, hitting only .232 in July

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SEATTLE — When the Seattle Mariners surged in June and suddenly became a legitimate playoff contender in the American League, it was largely on the strength of an offense that was scoring plenty of runs with jolts of power at the plate.

Just as quickly, that offense has disappeared and become a major concern for a team that has seen its lead for the second AL wild card shrink to only a couple of games.

"The offense has kind of cooled down. That's baseball. It's going to happen once in a while," shortstop Jean Segura said. "Everybody is dragging, even myself. Every time



Seattle Mariners' Kyle Seager reacts after striking out during the eighth inning of the team's baseball game.

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we go out there we're trying to do the best that we can ... and sometimes it's going to be one of those games where you're dragging and it's going to be a (lot of) close games down the stretch. One of

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PENDLETON

All-Stars ousted at Western Regional

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For the third straight year, Pendleton's 12U All-Stars came up just short of a championship at the Little League Western Regional.

On Thursday morning, the Pendleton team saw its run come to an end with a 10-0 loss to a very good Kirkland, Washington, team at Al Houghton Stadium in San Bernardino, California. It was Pendleton's second loss to the Washington team at the tournament, following a 11-1 loss on Tuesday.

"I thought we could turn things around today," Pendleton coach Scott Wilson said Thursday evening. "We made some changes in the field and in the lineup, but nothing worked. Washington was

just too good." Pendleton's offense, which had scored 47 runs in its first two regional games, was kept out of the hit column by Washington pitchers Kya Aldrich and Christina Minor, as the duo struck out four and induced five groundouts and three pop fly outs.

The only two baserunners for Pendleton were Lea Wilson and Madaline Schumacher, each reaching on walks. Schumacher and Melanie Boatman both pitched for Pendleton and the duo couldn't keep Washington's red-hot offense quiet enough, giving up five hits and seven walks.

Pendleton finishes the regional with a 3-2 record for the second consecutive year. Later on in the evening, Washington went on to defeat Arizona (Flagstaff) 4-1 to win the regional championship.

Sports shorts

Aaron Judge fractures wrist, out 3 weeks

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees slugger Aaron Judge sustained a fractured right wrist when he was hit by a fastball and is expected to miss three weeks, overshadowing New York's 7-2 victory Thursday against the Kansas City Royals.

The Yankees said that no surgery has been recommended.

He winced when he was stung by a pitch from Jakob Junis in the first inning, got an infield hit the next time up and then was pulled for a pinch-hitter in the fourth.

Yankees acquire J.A. Happ from Toronto

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees acquired left-hander J.A. Happ from Toronto on Thursday to bolster their starting rotation, a deal that sent infielder Brandon Drury and minor league outfielder Bill McKinney to the Blue Jays.

Happ, who turns 36 in October, is 10-6 with a 4.18 ERA in 20 starts and was a first-time All-Star. He joins a rotation that includes Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka, CC Sabathia and Sonny Gray.

Happ has a \$13 million salary in the final season of a \$36 million, three-year contract, and the Yankees are responsible for the remaining \$4,543,011.

Reliever Zach Britton reported to the Yankees on Thursday, two days after he was acquired from Baltimore for three pitching prospects. Britton added \$4,387,097 to the Yankees payroll.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

- 1973 — The Miami Dolphins beat the College All-Stars 14-3.
- 1986 — Greg Lemond becomes the first American to win the Tour de France. LeMond's teammate, Bernard Hinault of France, finishes second.
- 2015 — The Arizona Cardinals hire Jen Welter to coach inside linebackers through their upcoming training camp and preseason. The Cardinals say Welter is believed to be the first woman to hold a coaching position of any kind in the NFL.

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