

NFL

Former player killed 5, then self

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Former NFL player Phillip Adams fatally shot five people including a prominent doctor, his wife and their two grandchildren before later killing himself, authorities said Thursday.

York County Sheriff Kevin Tolson told a news conference that investigators had not yet determined a motive in the mass shooting Wednesday.

"There's nothing right now that makes sense to any of us," Tolson told a news conference.

Dr. Robert Lesslie, 70, and his wife, Barbara, 69, were pronounced dead at the scene Wednesday along with grandchildren Adah Lesslie, 9, and Noah Lesslie, 5, the York County coroner's office said.

A man who had been working at the Lesslie home, James Lewis, 38, from Gaston, was found shot to death outside, and a sixth person, who was not identified, was hospitalized with "serious gunshot wounds," authorities said.

Tolson said evidence left at the scene of the shooting led them to Adams as a suspect. He said they went to Adams' parents' home, evacuated them and then tried to talk Adams out of the house. Eventually, they found him dead of a single gunshot wound to the head in a bedroom, he said.

A person briefed on the investigation told The Associated Press earlier Thursday that Adams had been treated by Lesslie, who lived near his parents' home in Rock Hill. Adams killed himself after midnight with a .45-caliber weapon, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Adams, 33, played in 78 NFL games over five seasons for six teams. He joined the 49ers in 2010 as a seventh-round draft pick out of South Carolina State, and he went on to play for New England, Seattle, Oakland and the New York Jets before finishing his career with the Atlanta Falcons in 2015.

As a rookie late in the 2010 season, Adams suffered a severe ankle injury that required surgery. Later, with the Raiders, he had two concussions over three games in 2012.

— Associated Press

TENNIS

French Open is delayed 1 week

PARIS — For the second year in a row, the traditional French Open schedule is being disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The clay-court Grand Slam tennis tournament said Thursday it will push back the start of this season's event by one week because of surging virus cases in France.

"This postponement will give us a little more time to improve the health situation and should allow us to optimize our chances of welcoming spectators at Roland Garros," said Gilles Moretton, the president of the French tennis federation.

The French Open was scheduled to start on May 23, will now get underway on May 30.

Last year's tournament was pushed back to September because of the pandemic, with crowds limited to 1,000 per day.

— Associated Press

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Down to the wire

Ridgeview edges Redmond on penalty kicks to reach IMC championship match

BY BRIAN RATHBONE
The Bulletin

REDMOND —

Two 40-minute halves, two 10-minute overtime periods and one round of penalty kicks

Tuesday evening were not enough to decide who would advance to the Intermountain Conference tournament championship.

Then, in the second round of PKs, Ridgeview sophomore midfielder Hope Williams-Orlando's attempt got past Redmond goalkeeper Alyssa McConnell to give the Ravens the victory over the Panthers in girls soccer.

"Myself and our other coaches, we saw everything that we have been working towards at this moment," said Ridgeview coach Nic Sedor. "The determination and perseverance they've shown, I'm so glad the girls were rewarded with this win. It feels good to come out on top. Redmond is a quality team and they really pushed us."

The win was the Ravens' fourth in a row and first over Redmond this season. Ridgeview finally started to see positive results after starting the season with five losses and two ties. Four of those five losses were decided by one goal — including matches against Summit and Bend High.

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Ridgeview's Selena Gallacher (10) takes a shot to score during the first half against Redmond on Wednesday night.

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felt, 'Man, these girls deserved this win,' but it just didn't come through," Sedor said. "It finally came through tonight."

Ridgeview had to come back twice in the match to earn the victory, once in regulation and once

during penalty kicks.

Redmond was first on the board with a goal from freshman Jillian Bremont midway through the first half. Less than five minutes later, Ridgeview responded with a goal from Selena Gallacher. There would not be any more goals through regulation and two overtime periods.

The game came down to penalty kicks. After the first rotation of five, the match remained tied as each team converted three of five PK attempts. McConnell made two saves, giving Rory Eldridge and Dagne Harris opportunities to win the game for the Panthers. Yet, both attempts missed the mark.

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Charlie Riedel/AP

Justin Rose tees off on the 12th hole during Thursday's first round of the Masters in Augusta, Georgia.

Rose torches tough Augusta for 65 and a 4-shot lead

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Even before the Masters began, it was obvious Augusta National in April was nothing like it was in November. Far less clear was which course Justin Rose was playing Thursday.

Rose made seven birdies and an eagle during a torrid 10-hole stretch for a 7-under 65 and a four-shot lead, his lowest score at Augusta National in one of its toughest opening rounds.

It started with a nice hop off the ponds left of the green on the par-5 eighth that set up a 10-foot eagle. Only two of his

birdie putts were outside 8 feet. He holed a 12-foot par putt on the one green he missed. Not bad for a 40-year-old from England playing for the first time in a month while resting an ailing back.

His 65 looked even better on a day so tough only 12 players broke par, and the average score was 74.5.

"Listen, I didn't know where my game was going into this week," Rose said. "I've been working hard. I could have played the last two tournaments, but I was really trying to prepare hard for this Masters."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Beavers' defense on a mission to fix its glaring takeaway problem

BY NICK DASCHEL
The Oregonian

A bowl is the goal for Oregon State football this season, which among other things means the Beavers' defense must make a significant move forward.

In three years under coach Jonathan Smith and defensive coordinator Tim Tibesar, OSU's defense has taken baby steps of improvement. Last season, Arizona State was the only team to amass more than 500 yards offense against the Beavers.

That's hardly worth a parade, or even a yay! Oregon State was among the Pac-12's worst in total and scoring defense in 2020. The Beavers' defense struggle to get offenses off the field, as opponents converted third downs at a healthy 46.2% last season. Only winless Arizona had fewer sacks and takeaways than OSU.

Tibesar feels optimistic about what's ahead for 2021, but acknowledges the work.

"As far as the amount of talent and depth, the most we've had since coach Smith and I have been here," Tibesar said.

"So that's exciting for us. We've got some steps to make before we can get there."



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Oregon State's Omar Speights (36) tries to bring down Washington State's Deon McIntosh (3) in the 2020 Pac-12 season opener in Corvallis in November.

One longstanding problem Oregon State is addressing this spring is takeaways. Through 30 games of the Smith era, the Beavers have 30 takeaways, among the lowest totals among FBS teams. Last year, OSU created only six takeaways, and just one fumble recovery.

Takeaways are a key stat for winning teams, because they often create short-field scoring situations and significant swings of momentum. In regard to increasing fumbles and fumble recoveries, the end goal may be diffi-

cult to achieve this spring and August camp.

"We're trying to create more violence on the ball carrier when we make tackles," Tibesar said.

Doubtful the coaches want to see myriad aggressive tackles of teammates, but the Beavers can drill the fundamentals that put them in position come game day.

"We're trying to get our guys to cut loose and play fast and be more aggressive in their approach to the tackle," Tibesar said.

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