

## NFL DRAFT

## UO's Holland 1st safety selected

MIAMI — Oregon safety Jevon Holland was drafted in the second round Friday by the Miami Dolphins after the Denver Broncos leapfrogged them to take a running back.

The Dolphins needed a ball carrier, but Denver moved one spot ahead of them by trading up to select North Carolina's Javonte Williams.

Miami then chose Holland, a native of Canada, with the 36th overall pick.

The Dolphins traded up from 50th to 42nd to take 6-foot-6, 306-pound Liam Eichenberg, a three-year starter at left tackle for Notre Dame.

Holland, who grew up in British Columbia, was coached by former NFL back Napoleon Kaufman in high school in Oakland, California. Holland's father, Robert, played Sacramento State and in the Canadian Football League.

"Football is super pop across all of Canada," Holland said. "My dad and brother both played football. It's me just trying to follow in their footsteps. I think it turned out to be a pretty good choice."

Holland had five interceptions as a freshman in 2018 and four as a sophomore, when he also averaged 15.3 yards on 16 punt returns. He opted out last year.

"I played receiver in high school," he said, "and that's where I developed a lot of my ball-hawking ability."

Eichenberg adds further youth to an offensive line that included a franchise record three rookie starters last year.

—Associated Press

## HOCKEY

## Seattle Kraken officially join NHL

SEATTLE — The Seattle Kraken are free to make trades and sign players after making their final expansion payment to the NHL.

Seattle owners paid \$650 million to become the 32nd franchise. The Kraken begin play next season.

"On behalf of the Board of Governors, I am delighted to officially welcome the Seattle Kraken to the NHL as our 32nd member club," Commissioner Gary Bettman said on Friday. "Congratulations to David Bonderman, the Bonderman family, their partners, the entire Seattle Kraken organization, the city of Seattle and Kraken fans as the club continues on its exciting journey towards puck drop in October."

General manager Ron Francis has been able to talk to colleagues around the league, and he and his staff have been scouting and planning for the expansion draft July 21. The final payment by ownership allows him to make official transactions, such as signing college free agents.

"Today is another momentous day on the journey to puck drop," Bonderman said. "We have an incredible few months ahead of us."

—Associated Press

## Women's hockey

The National Women's Hockey League raised the salary cap on Thursday in a move that some saw as an olive branch to the Professional Women's Hockey Players Association, **B3**.

## PREP SOFTBALL

## A true 'gamer' for Lava Bears

Young pitchers duel in budding rivalry between Bend High and Ridgeview

BY BRIAN RATHBONE • The Bulletin

REDMOND —

**B**efore the first pitch between Ridgeview and Bend High on Thursday evening, coaches Tom Mauldin and Sandy Fischer met and forecasted that their two teams would be in for a classic.

"I joked that the two coaches have 100 years combined coaching experience, so it should be a good game," Mauldin said. "I have a lot of respect for her and her program."

The prediction came true. In a contest between arguably the two best softball teams in Central Oregon, with a pair of freshmen in the pitching circles, the 6A Lava Bears rallied in the seventh and eighth innings to knock off the defending Class 5A state champions 2-1 in extra innings at Ridgeview High School.

"There is a difference between losing and getting beat," Fischer said. "We lost today but we didn't necessarily get beat. When you play poorly,

commit errors and don't play together, that is when you get beat. Somebody is going to lose, and we lost, but we didn't get beat."

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Un fortunately for the Ravens,

Fisher was in the circle doing what she has done all year — mowing down batters.

The right-hander fanned 13 Ravens hitters, including eight in the final four innings. This was after a 17-strikeout, no-hit performance against Pendleton last Saturday.

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**Bend's Addisen Fisher (11) delivers a pitch during the first inning against Ridgeview on Thursday.**

## HORSE RACING | KENTUCKY DERBY



Charlie Riedel/AP

**Fans watch race six before the 147th running of the Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs on Friday in Louisville, Kentucky.**

## With flowery hats and fans, the Derby is back at its old home in May

BY BETH HARRIS  
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The bourbon is flowing again, flowery hats and humans are on the scene and 19 horses are ready to run the most chaotic race of their lives. After being disrupted by a pandemic, the Kentucky Derby is back with many of its traditions intact.

America's longest continuously held sporting event returns to its traditional spot on the calendar — the first Saturday in May. The 147th edition comes less than eight months after it was run without spectators last September because of COVID-19, making it the shortest time between Derbies in history.

"I was hoping to enjoy my Derby win a little longer," joked trainer Bob Baffert, who earned his sixth last year with Authentic.

The eerie silence that settled over Churchill Downs last year when no spectators were allowed is being replaced by attendance of about 45,000 —

some 100,000 less than usual. Masks are required. Food and drinks are all-inclusive to lessen long lines and separate payments for every transaction.

With the Derby restored to its usual day, last year's upside down Triple Crown has been righted. The Preakness follows on May 15 and the Belmont, which kicked off the series a year ago, concludes it on June 5.

Essential Quality is the early 2-1 favorite on Saturday and has the bona fides. The striking gray colt was last year's 2-year-old champion. He comes in undefeated in five career starts. The last unbeaten colt to win the Derby was Justify in 2018, and he went on to sweep the Triple Crown.

Essential Quality is owned and bred by Godolphin Racing, the stable of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum, who is 0-for-11 in his decades-long quest to win America's greatest race.

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## COVID-19

## How sporting events will be affected as 15 Oregon counties shift to 'extreme risk'

BY JOEL ODOM  
The Oregonian

The move of 15 Oregon counties to "extreme risk" level for COVID-19 restrictions on Friday means some tightened regulations for sporting events in the affected counties.

Although outdoor full-contact and noncontact sporting events can continue at the youth, high school, college and professional levels, the extreme-risk label means crowds will be capped at 100. That compares with capacity limits of 15% in counties deemed high risk, 25% in counties at moderate risk and 50% in counties deemed lower risk.

The counties that moved to extreme risk Friday were: Baker, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk and Wasco.

Counties could shift to a lower risk level as soon as next Friday if cases dip or if statewide hospitalizations either fall below 300 or don't continue to increase at 15% or more each week, Gov. Kate Brown's office said.

Here's a quick look at how various sports and teams across the state will be affected:

**Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns:** The Timbers and Thorns don't have any home matches on their respective schedules in the next week. But both could be in action at Providence Park the weekend of May 8-9. The Thorns have clinched a spot in the NWSL Challenge Cup championship match, scheduled for May 8, though the site has not been determined. The Timbers are set to play



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**Spectators at a Portland Thorns FC match swing their scarves during the national anthem prior to an NWSL Challenge Cup match against Kansas City on April 9 in Portland. It was the first time fans were allowed at Providence Park in 545 days.**

host to the Seattle Sounders on Sunday, May 9.

If Multnomah County remains at extreme risk, and unless the Timbers and Thorns were to get an exemption, they would go down from about 3,800 fans to 100 for home matches at the 25,000-seat Providence Park.

"The Timbers and Thorns have safely hosted five matches this season at 15% capacity, and we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our fans as to how safe they felt and how effectively our protocols were implemented," the clubs said Thursday in a statement. "Masked, outdoor gatherings with social-distance measures in place are widely considered safe, and we fully expect to continue hosting fans at a reduced capacity by the weekend of May 8-9."

**Portland Trail Blazers:** The Blazers have not yet hosted fans at Portland's Moda Center this season, but they had submitted a proposal to the governor and the Oregon

Health Authority to host fans at 10% capacity, or about 2,000 fans. That plan is on hold, however. The Blazers are on a six-game trip and don't play at home again until next Friday's matchup against the Los Angeles Lakers.

**Oregon Ducks:** There will be no spectators allowed at the Ducks' spring football game on Saturday after Lane County's move to extreme risk. The Ducks had hoped to welcome about 8,000 fans (15% capacity) to Autzen Stadium for the spring showcase.

**Oregon State Beavers:** With Benton County in the high-risk category, the Beavers are planning for about 6,000 fans (15% capacity) at Reser Stadium for the Oregon State football spring game on Saturday, May 8.

**Hillsboro Hops:** The Hops, a High-A affiliate of Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks, are set to open the 2021 season with an eight-game homestead that starts Tuesday.

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