

Indoor football

A NIGHT OF FIRSTS FOR HIGH DESERT STORM



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High Desert Storm's Caleb Stennis (5) runs past a group of Idaho Horsemen defenders and into the end zone to score during the first quarter Saturday night at the First Interstate Bank Center in Redmond.

Local pro indoor football team wins its home opener, handing Idaho Horsemen their first-ever loss

BY BRIAN RATHBONE

The Bulletin

REDMOND — Saturday marked a night of firsts at First Interstate Bank Center.

It was the first home game for the newly formed Oregon High Desert Storm of the American West Football Conference, and it was the first time that defensive back Terrious Triplet returned an interception for a touchdown in his football career.

But perhaps the most sweet for the new pro indoor football team in Central Oregon, it was the first time that the Idaho Horsemen were handed a loss in team history, falling 44-40 to the Storm.

"First time they've been beaten," said Storm coach Keith Evans. "I had them beat when I was coaching in Wenatchee four times. I was up 19-0 once against them and they came back and won. They had me sweating bullets tonight."

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High Desert Storm's Davonte "Buck" Solomon (2) pulls in a pass to score during the third quarter against the Idaho Horsemen on Saturday night at the First Interstate Bank Center in Redmond.

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Saso wins on 3rd playoff hole

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SAN FRANCISCO — Yuka Saso modeled her golf game after Rory McIlroy, spending hours watching videos of his swing before going to bed each night in order to perfect her own.

All that work paid off and now Saso is a U.S. Open champion just like her idol thanks to a clutch playoff putt after a back-nine collapse by Lexi Thompson.

Saso's 10-foot putt for birdie on the third playoff hole Sunday helped her edge out Nasa Hataoka and become the second teenager to win the U.S. Women's Open.

Saso overcame back-to-back double bogeys early in the round to make the playoff and then became the first player from the Philippines to win a golf major.

"I was actually a little upset," Saso said about her poor start. "But my caddie talked to me and said, 'Just keep on going; there's many more holes to go.' That's what I did."

Both players made pars at Nos. 9 and 18 in the two-hole aggregate playoff, sending the tournament to sudden death back at the ninth hole. That set the stage for Saso to win it just up the road from Daly City, dubbed "Little Manila" for its large population of Filipinos.

There were many on hand for the final round, including several with Filipino flags for the occasion.

"I don't know what's happening in the Philippines right now, but I'm



Jed Jacobsohn/via AP

Yuka Saso, of the Philippines, celebrates her victory during the final round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at The Olympic Club, Sunday in San Francisco. Saso defeated Nasa Hataoka, of Japan, in a three-hole playoff.

just thankful that there's so many people in the Philippines cheering for me," she said. "I don't know how to thank them. They gave me so much energy. I want to say thank you to everyone."

Saso matched 2008 winner Inbee Park as the youngest U.S. Women's Open champion at 19 years, 11 months, 17 days.

Thompson, who had a five-stroke lead after the eighth hole, played the final seven holes in 5 over to finish a stroke back.

"I really didn't feel like I hit any bad golf shots," she said. "That's what this golf course can do to you."

The only other players to finish under par on the Lake Course at

Olympic Club were Megan Khang and Shanshan Feng, who both were at 2 under.

High school junior Megha Ganne played in the final group but shot 77 and finished 3 over as the low amateur for the tournament.

"I'm going to remember this for the rest of my life," Ganne said. "It's everything I've wanted since I was little, so it's just the best feeling."

Saso has talked frequently about her time studying McIlroy's swing and the four-time major winner said he saw the similarities and was flattered by it. McIlroy also sent Saso an Instagram message before the final round imploring her to get the trophy.

NBA | PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS

Kidd removes himself from consideration for coach job

BY AARON FENTRESS

The Oregonian

Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach Jason Kidd has removed his name from consideration for the vacant head coaching position with the Portland Trail Blazers, according to a report from ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski.

"Portland's a first-class organization and will have great candidates ... but I've decided not to be one of them," Kidd said, according to Wojnarowski.

According to a report from Yahoo Sports on Friday, Blazers star Damian Lillard identified Kidd as someone he would want to see replace Terry Stotts.

Stotts and the franchise mutually agreed to part ways after nine seasons.

Kidd, a hall of fame point guard and former 10-time All-Star, has solid head coaching experience with stints at Brooklyn and Milwaukee (183-190 combined record) but also a sordid past.

Kidd pleaded guilty to domestic violence in 2001 following an incident in which he slapped his ex-wife during an argument. His ex-wife, during 2007 divorce proceedings, alleged numerous counts of abuse. Kidd, who filed for divorce, claimed he was abused in the relationship.

Four other candidates have emerged as potential replacements for Stotts: Juwan Howard, Chauncey Billups, Jeff Van Gundy and Mike D'Antoni.

NCAA BASEBALL

Beavs beats DBU on walk-off HR

The Oregon State Beavers' dramatic run through the Fort Worth Regional is not over yet.

The Beavers defeated Dallas Baptist 5-4 Sunday night on a walk-off solo home run from Garret Forrester, claiming their second come-from-behind win of the day at Lupton Stadium to stay alive in the NCAA baseball tournament.

The teams will play meet at 1 p.m. Monday in a winner-take-all matchup, playing for the third time in four days for the right to advance to the Super Regionals.

The never-say-die Beavers put themselves in position to continue in the tournament with a miraculous Sunday that included a pair of game-winning hits in the ninth inning.

They started the day by outlasting No. 1 seed and tournament host TCU 3-2, staying alive with a go-ahead RBI-single from Justin Boyd in the top of the ninth inning. Then OSU one-upped the one-upped the drama in the second game of its elimination double header, when Forrester became the latest tournament hero.

The Beavers entered the ninth with a 4-3 lead, but coughed it up on a two-out run-scoring single by Dallas Baptist second baseman Jackson Glenn, setting the stage for Forrester's memorable moment.

The 6-foot-0 freshman led off the inning and, after working the count full, crushed a line drive home run over the left field fence. The ball sailed just inside the foul poll over the 325 sign on the fence, and Forrester was mobbed at home plate by teammates.

It avenged a 6-5 loss to Dallas Baptist in the opening-round and set the table for more drama on Monday.

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LSU beats Oregon to force rematch

Oregon couldn't solve LSU freshman pitcher Jevon Coleman or contain left fielder Gavin Dugas and the teams will play a winner-take-all rematch Monday night in an NCAA regional final.

Coleman allowed just one run on three hits and three walks and struck out six over a career-long 6.0 magnificent innings and Dugas went 3 for 4 with a double, triple, home run and two runs scored to lead the Tigers to a 4-1 victory over the No. 14 seed Ducks Sunday night at PK Park.

The Ducks (39-15) had a chance with the tying run at the plate and two outs in the ninth but couldn't break through.

The teams will meet again at 7 p.m. Monday in Eugene in the deciding game of the regional final and for the right to advance to play a Super Regional at No. 3 Tennessee next weekend.

The Tigers (37-23) struck first as Dylan Crews, who went 3 for 3, led off the game with a double to right, and scored on a fielder's choice. LSU turned to Coleman after just one inning scoreless inning from Trent Vietmeier.

Back-to-back singles by Gavin Grant and Tanner Smith and an error gave the Ducks runners on second and third to open the third, then Kenyon Yovan hit a sacrifice fly to right to tie it at 1.

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