

AM BRIEFING



TODAY
Prep Football
Am. Fork at Lone
Peak, 7 p.m.



TODAY
Women's Soccer
Portland State at UVU
2 p.m.



BYU ROUNDUP

Cougar women blank Oregon

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HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Freshman forward Jessica Ringwood scored the only goal Thursday evening as the nationally ranked No. 14 BYU Cougars beat No. 14 Oregon at the South Field in Provo, 1-0; the lone score came with 20:33 left in the first half.

"Oregon is a very good team and Oregon really moved the ball well," said BYU coach Jennifer Rockwood. "We moved the ball better and did a better job in the second half, defensively. We had some nice saves in the second half."

Rockwood singled out McKenzie Olson, the sophomore goalkeeper who gets credit for the shutout, for her second-half save which "not every goalkeeper could have blocked that second half shot" by Oregon. She also pointed out the four forwards for praise: Ringwood, Cassidy Shumway, Carlee Payne — another freshman — and Auna Janis.

The second half had a string of five shots within 10 minutes that had the crowd really excited, gasping with each attempt. With 33:30 left in the game Oregon's Teresa Bowns kicked a shot wide right. At 29:05 Shumway, a junior forward, kicked one straight into the hands of the Oregon goalkeeper. Then at 26:49 Shumway kicked a shot one foot over the left corner. Oregon's Bowns took another kick and hit the top of the net at 25:56, and then the Oregon goalie saved a potential score at 25:27.

This win gives the Cougars a 9-2-1 record, as the preseason closes. They are now 2-0 against Oregon, and this was the first time the Ducks were here for a soccer game. The last time the Ducks and Cougars played was 1996, BYU won 5-2.

One of the interesting notes came as the National Anthem finished, four wild ducks flew over the field — from East to West, as if to land on the grass and take respite from their travels — then circled over the west end and flew around the west wing of the Smith Fieldhouse. This proved an ill omen for Oregon. One member of the crowd theorized that Oregon had trained ducks, which they had brought and released, just to do the fly-over.

The Oregon Ducks had a six-game winning streak going, before they came to BYU. They defeated Colorado, Loyola Marymount, Seattle, Denver, Dartmouth and Portland State; but didn't get past BYU. They are now 9-10-2.

BYU faced UConn, William and Mary, West Virginia among the preseason battles. Now the conference season starts with Utah (5-6-1) in a "Duel" at South Field on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Women's tennis team on the road: The BYU women's tennis team will continue the season at the Cal Nike Invitational in Berkeley, Calif. this weekend. The three-day tournament begins today at the Hellman and Channing Tennis Complexes.

The Cougars will compete against top-notch players from Arizona State, Fresno State, Long Beach State, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Pacific, Sacramento State, Saint Mary's, Santa Clara, UC Davis, UCLA and USC.

Cougars to host RSL: It's "futbol before football" today as the BYU men's soccer team hosts Real Salt Lake of Major League Soccer at 5 p.m. in Provo. The kickoff time gives fans a chance to see both the soccer and football game against Utah State later in the evening.

"We've had some good games (against RSL)," said BYU coach Chris Watkins. "They're obviously better than we are but we've been somewhat competitive. The guys get excited to prove themselves."

WNBA

Catchings flirts with triple-double, Fever even series

PHOENIX — **Tamika Catchings** fell one rebound shy of the first triple-double in WNBA finals history and the Indiana Fever beat the Phoenix Mercury 93-84 on Thursday night to square the best-of-five series 1-1.

Catchings had 19 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds to help the Fever steal home-court advantage in the series with the next two games in Indianapolis, beginning with Game 3 on Sunday.

The WNBA defensive player of the year for the third time, Catchings also harassed league MVP **Diana Taurasi** into a 7-for-22 shooting night. Taurasi finished with 20 points.

The cold-shooting Mercury were without super-sub **Penny Taylor** most of the second half. The Aussie, who scored all 14 of her points in the first half, left with a cut lip with 3:33 to play in the third quarter. Taurasi was 2-of-10 on 3-pointers and teammate **Cappie Pondexter** 0-of-4.

The Mercury struggled on offense two nights after a 120-116 overtime victory in Game 1, the highest-scoring contest in WNBA history. Phoenix shot 39.7 percent for the game and was just 5 of 20 in the third quarter, when the Fever built a 17-point lead.

Catchings led six Indiana players in double figures. Rookie **Briann January**, a standout at nearby Arizona State, added 16 points, as did **Ebony Hoffman**. **Tammy Sutton-Brown** and **Katie Douglas** each scored 14, and **Jessica Davenport** added 10.

Temeka Johnson had 14 for Phoenix. Pondexter shot 5-of-16 en route to 12 points. **Tangela Smith** also scored 12 for the Mercury.

The Fever, in their first WNBA finals, took control with a 12-2 run, taking a 71-55 after Catchings made two free throws with 2 1/2 minutes left in the third quarter. Davenport scored the first five points of the run.

Atlanta's Meadors WNBA coach of the year: **Marynell Meadors** was honored Thursday as the WNBA coach of the year after leading the Atlanta Dream to a remarkable turnaround in the franchise's second season. With Meadors serving as the team's general manager and coach, Atlanta went from 4-30 in its expansion year in 2008 to 18-16 this season. Atlanta finished second in the Eastern Conference to earn a playoff berth.

"This season was just awesome. I loved coaching this team," she said. "They came in from day one and played as hard as they could play, and I thought 'Wow, this is going to be something special,' and it certainly was."

Meadors received 30 votes from a national panel of writers and broadcasters. Indiana's **Lin Dunn** was a distant second with six votes. **Corey Gaines** of Phoenix received four. Meadors was presented the award at a news conference Thursday prior to Game 2 of the WNBA Finals between Phoenix and Indiana.

It was a day of honors for Atlanta. Earlier, Dream forward **Angel McCaughey** was named rookie of the year. Atlanta's 14-win turnaround is the second-best in WNBA history, behind the 2003 Detroit Shock, went from 9-23 to 25-9. To accomplish it, Meadors overhauled the roster. Only four players remained from the expansion season.

"She certainly did a great job of assembling really first-class talent," WNBA president **Donna Orender** said in presenting the award.

The Dream traded for the rights to **Chamique Holdclaw**, then persuaded her to return to the WNBA. Atlanta acquired **Sancho Lyttle** from the dispersal draft of the defunct Houston franchise, and signed **Michelle Snow**. The team selected McCaughey with the No. 1 pick, then picked **Shalee Lehning** later in the draft.

HOCKEY

Ovechkin scores 2, leads Caps to win

BOSTON — **Alex Ovechkin** is off to a fast start, and so are the Washington Capitals.

The two-time defending NHL Most Valuable

ON THE AIR

Television

Auto Racing

Price Chopper 400 practice	11 a. m.	SPD
Kansas Lottery 300 practice	1 p.m.	SPD
Price Chopper 400 qualifying	2:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Kansas Lottery 300	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Formula One qualifying	11 p.m.	SPD

College Football

Pittsburgh at Louisville	6 p.m.	ESPN2
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Golf

Dunhill Links Championships	6:30 a.m.	TGC
Senior Players Championship	11:30 a.m.	TGC
Turning Stone Resort Chpshp.	2 p.m.	TGC
Nationwide, Soboba Classic	4:30 p.m.	TGC
LPGA, Navistar Classic	6:30 p.m.	TGC

Major League Baseball

Arizona at ChiCubs	12:10 p.m.	WGN
ChiSox at Detroit	5 p.m.	ESPN

NHL

Florida vs. Chicago	10 a.m.	VRS
Detroit vs. St. Louis	1 p.m.	VRS

Rodeo

GoDaddy.com Invitational	9 p.m.	VRS
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FIFA U-20 World Cup Soccer

Korea vs. U.S.	10:40 a.m.	ESPN2
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MLS Soccer

Chicago at Los Angeles	9 p.m.	ESPN2
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Player had two goals and an assist, and Jose Theodore stopped 19 shots to lead Washington to a 4-1 victory over the Boston Bruins in the season-opener on Thursday night.

"If you give him too much time to shoot, he will make you look bad," Bruins defenseman **Dennis Wideman** said. "He is the hardest-working and hardest-hitting superstar in the league. He is the **Rafael Nadal** of hockey, and (**Sidney Crosby** is **Roger Federer**."

Brooks Laich added two goals and an assist, **Nicklas Backstrom** had three assists, and **Alexander Semin** had two for Washington, which had not won in Boston in regulation in 14 tries since 2000.

"If you could bottle that game up, we'd take it," Capitals coach **Bruce Boudreau** said. "Every night." The Capitals led 2-0 after Ovechkin's goal in the second, when he took a drop pass from Semin and wristed it past **Tim Thomas**.

"They pushed on us hard," Ovechkin said. "We played great defensively in the second period and we made that push and bounced back. That second goal was big."

Washington put the game away with a pair of goals in the first 1:57 of the third period, when Laich scored on a power play before Ovechkin shrugged off **Milan Lucic** and beat Thomas again to make it 4-0.

Thomas, the defending Vezina Trophy winner as the league's top goalie, made 30 saves.

Gorges' OT goal lifts Canadiens over Leafs 4-3: At Toronto, Montreal defenseman **Josh Gorges** scored with only 12.8 seconds left on the overtime clock, and **Carey Price** made 43 saves in the Canadiens' season-opening 4-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

The Canadiens were badly outshot and thoroughly outplayed through two periods, but found a way to hang around and win. They got some help from former teammate **Mike Komisarek**, who was in the penalty box for two Montreal goals. **Brian Gionta**, **Travis Moen** and **Glen Metropolit** also scored for the Canadiens. **Matt Stajan** had two goals, and **Alexei Ponikarovsky** added one for Toronto.

Wolverine spikers move to 2-0 in GWC play

Neil K. Warner

DAILY HERALD

Camie Manwill can't do it all, well actually, that may be debatable, but on Thursday night when Utah Valley University hosted North Dakota in a key Great West Conference match, Manwill needed some help.

She led UVU with 19 kills, four aces and nine digs, but to hold off a game North Dakota team that came into the match with a 10-5 record, having won five in a row, Any volunteers?

Sarah Clement and Faith Tusieseina responded to help the Wolverines pull out a 25-17, 22-25, 25-21 and 26-24 win.

"I thought Sarah did a nice job and Kat (Stevens) came in and served and got them out of system and helped us," said UVU coach Sam Atoa. "We rely a lot on our outsides, there's no question about that. Everybody can see that. We have to be a little more disciplined with the way we play. We've got some things to work on and we will. These girls work hard and we're going to keep getting better."

Holding a 2-1 lead, UVU found itself in trouble in the fourth set. Trailing 12-10, the Wolverines needed a spark and got one in Clement, who had three kills in the first

three sets, but promptly responded with three kills in UVU's next five points to help UVU open up some breathing room at 15-12.

Then with the Wolverines up 20-18, Tusieseina came up with a kill to put the Wolverines up 21-18. The Sioux came back to tie the score at 21, but Tusieseina responded with another kill that put the Wolverines back out in front.

North Dakota then made a pair of crucial mistakes. A serve sailed long and another shot went wide setting up match point.

With the Wolverines up 25-24, they went to bread-and-butter, in other words Money Manwill. She pounded a shot that a pair of Sioux players tried unsuccessfully to block at the net.

"We knew that North Dakota would be tough," Atoa said. "I felt like we did some really good things in that first set, but you've got to give them credit. They fought hard. We worked so hard, sometimes a little too hard to try and get points."

UVU pulled away in the first set when Allyce Jones got on a service roll. With Jones putting the pressure on North Dakota, the Wolverines extended their lead from 5-4 to 8-4 after a pair of

kills from Jaicee Kuresa and a Jones ace.

Manwill then showed off her serving expertise when she reeled off four straight aces to help UVU open up an 18-11 lead as the Wolverines rolled to a 25-17 win.

North Dakota evened the match with a 25-22 win in the second set behind three kills from Annika Smed.

In the pivotal third set, UVU appeared to be in control when it surged to a 15-10 lead, but the Sioux charged back thanks in large part to three blocks from Smed that gave North Dakota a 19-18 lead.

The Wolverines got a clutch kill from Garfield followed by a key block from Chelsea Fa'alogo that gave the Wolverines the lead again. Fa'alogo then delivered an ace and a Sioux net violation pushed the UV lead to 22-19.

UVU went called on Manwill to finish it off and she came with a blistering kill to give UVU a 25-21 win.

In addition that the standout play of Manwill, Clement finished with eight kills, Garfield and Kayli Broadbent had seven each. Jones had 26 digs and Fa'alogo had 43 assists.

The win helped UVU improve to 9-5 (2-0 in conference),

Robidas signs 4-year extension with Stars: The Dallas Stars have signed defenseman **Stephane Robidas** to a \$13.2 million, four-year contract extension, through the 2013-14 season.

General manager **Joe Nieuwendyk** said Thursday that Robidas, entering the fifth season of his second Dallas stint, is a key member of the leadership group. The 32-year-old Robidas set career highs in assists (23) last season while averaging a team-high 24 1/2 minutes of ice time per game.

Robidas was drafted by Montreal, made his debut in October 1999 and was waived three years later. Atlanta claimed him and traded him to the Stars, who then sent him to Chicago in November 2003. He returned to the Stars as a free agent in 2005 after the NHL lockout ended.

GOLF

Moodie leads LPGA event

PRATTVILLE, Ala. — Scotland's **Janice Moodie** shot a bogey-free 8-under 64 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over 14-year-old **Alexis Thompson** in the Navistar LPGA Classic, with **Michelle Wie** and top-ranked **Lorena Ochoa** two strokes back.

Moodie, a two-time winner on the LPGA Tour, played her final nine holes — the front nine on The Senator course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Capitol Hill complex, in 6-under 30. She birdied her final four holes and six of her last seven.

Thompson had eight birdies and a bogey. She tied for 34th in July in the U.S. Women's Open. Wie eagled the par-5 fifth and had five birdies and a bogey. Karine Icher also opened with a 66.

Turning Stone Resort Championship: At Verona, N.Y., Rookie **Leif Olson** and **Tim Petrovic** shot 6-under 66s in rainy and cold conditions to share the first-round lead in the Turning Stone Resort Championship, the first event of the five-tournament Fall Series. **Matt Kuchar**, **John Senden** and **Vaughn Taylor** were a stroke back, and **Adam Scott**, **Scott Gutschewski**, **Kevin Stadler**, **Ken Duke**, **Jimmy Walker**, **Nicholas Thompson** and **Matt Jones** shot 68s. Defending champ **Dustin Johnson** birdied his last two holes for a 69.

The round was stopped because of darkness with a handful of players still on the soggy Atunyote Golf Club course.

Senior Players Championship: At Timonium, Md., **Lonnie Nielson** shot a 5-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead over **Tom Watson** and **Jay Haas** in the Senior Players Championship, the last of the Champions Tour's five majors tournaments. **Sandy Lyle** opened with a 67, and **Bob Tway**, **Dan Forsman**, **Eduardo Romero** and **Mike Reid** shot 68s on the Baltimore Country Club/Five Farms' East Course.

Alfred Dunhill Links Championship: At St. Andrews, Scotland, Denmark's **Thomas Bjorn** shot an 8-under 64 at Kingsbarns to take a two-stroke lead in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship. England's **Ross McGowan** opened with a 66 on the Old Course at St. Andrews, and Northern Ireland's **Gareth Maybin** shot a 66 at Kingsbarns.

NFL

Ex-Pats LB Seau campaigns for comeback

BOSTON — Former NFL linebacker **Junior Seau** is trying out some new careers this fall as part of a television show called "Sports Jobs."

What he really wants is his old one back. "That would be nice," he told The Associated Press after riding on the Zamboni between periods of Thursday night's NHL opener between the Boston Bruins and the Washington Capitals. "Tell Belichick to call me."

Seau has already come out of retirement twice to play for New England Patriots coach **Bill Belichick**. Last year, the 12-time Pro Bowl selection joined the team in December after it was struck by a rash of injuries; this year the Patriots have already lost linebacker **Jerod Mayo** for 6-8 weeks.

Seau's show, which will premier on Versus in December, features some of the jobs behind the scenes in sports. On Thursday he was working as the Capitals' equipment manager.

Jazz

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Williams also had six assists in 21 minutes, Miles was 5 for 7 from the field and Mehmet Okur had 10 points and seven rebounds for the Jazz.

Anthony led the Nuggets with 13 points.

The Nuggets trimmed a 17-point lead to eight at half-time and got within five in the third quarter before the Jazz pulled away to another big lead. Williams hit his second 3-pointer of the period to put Utah up 78-63 and the Jazz led 84-71 entering the fourth, when Utah's reserves held off Denver's backups.

Local sports schedule



BYU SPORTS

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Utah State at BYU, 7 p.m.
TV: The mtn. Radio: 1160 AM
102.7 FM

MEN'S TENNIS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

at ITA All-American
at Cal Nike Invitational
Berkeley, Calif.
M CROSS COUNTRY
at Dellinger Invitational
Eugene, Ore.

M-W SWIMMING

at Utah Freshman/Sophomore
meet, 6 p.m.
MEN'S SOCCER
RSL at BYU, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

WOMEN'S SOCCER

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

vs. Utah, 8 p.m.
at UNLV, 2 p.m.
MEN'S TENNIS
at ITA All-American
WOMEN'S TENNIS
at Cal Nike Invitational
Berkeley, Calif.



UVU SPORTS

TODAY

WOMEN'S SOCCER

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

vs. Portland State, 2 p.m.
vs. South Dakota, 7 p.m.