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## GAMES TODAY

### ON THE TUBE

#### ATHLETICS

Adidas Grand Prix, at New York, 1 p.m., (NBC)  
NCAA, Division I Championships, events  
TBA, at Eugene, Ore., 5 p.m., (ESPN2)

#### AUTO RACING

NASCAR, XFINITY Series, Great Clips 250,  
at Brooklyn, Mich., 1:30 p.m., (FS1)  
IndyCar, qualifying for Honda Indy Toronto  
(same-day tape), 5 p.m., (NBCSN)  
24 Hours of Le Mans (France) (joined in  
progress), 7 p.m., (FS1)  
NASCAR, Truck Series, Drivin' for Linemen  
200, at Madison, Ill., 8:30 p.m., (FS1)

#### COLLEGE BASEBALL

World Series, game 1, Arkansas vs. Virginia,  
at Omaha, Neb., 3 p.m., (ESPN)  
World Series, game 2, Florida vs. Miami, at  
Omaha, Neb., 8 p.m., (ESPN)

#### GOLF

European PGA Tour, Lyoness Open, third  
round, at Atzenbrugg, Austria, 7 a.m., (TGC)  
PGA Tour, St. Jude Classic, third round, at  
Memphis, Tenn., 1 p.m., (TGC)  
PGA Tour, St. Jude Classic, third round, at  
Memphis, Tenn., 3 p.m., (CBS)  
PGA of America, Women's PGA  
Championship, third round, at Harrison, N.Y.,  
3 p.m., (NBC)  
Champions Tour, SENIOR PLAYERS  
Championship, third round, at Pittsburgh, 3  
p.m., (TGC)  
Web.com Tour, Rust-Oleum Championship,  
third round, at Westlake, Ohio (same-day  
tape), 6 p.m., (TGC)

#### HORSE RACING

Thoroughbreds, Stephen Foster and Fleur  
de Lis Handicaps, at Louisville, Ky., 8:30  
p.m., (NBCSN)

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Toronto at Boston, 1:30 p.m., (MLB)  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m., (ROOT)  
Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at  
Baltimore, Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, or  
Arizona at San Francisco, 7 p.m., (FOX)  
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10 p.m., (MLB)

#### MOTORSPORTS

AMA Motocross, at Mount Morris, Pa., 3  
p.m., (NBCSN)

#### NHL HOCKEY

Playoffs, Finals, game 5, Chicago at Tampa  
Bay, 8 p.m., (NBC)

#### SOCCER

UEFA, qualifier for European Championship,  
Armenia vs. Portugal, at Yerevan, Armenia,  
11:50 a.m., (ESPN)  
FIFA, Women's World Cup, group stage,  
France vs. Colombia, at Moncton, New  
Brunswick, 1 p.m., (FOX)  
FIFA, Women's World Cup, group stage,  
England vs. Mexico, at Moncton, New  
Brunswick, 4 p.m., (FOX)  
FIFA, Women's World Cup, group stage,  
Brazil vs. Spain, at Montreal, 4 p.m., (FS1)

## SPORTS SHORTS

### MLB

#### Nationals activate East Fairmont's Carpenter

The Washington Nationals have activated newly acquired former East Fairmont and WVU reliever David Carpenter after placing right-hander Aaron Barrett on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right bicep.

The Nationals made the moves before Friday's game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Barrett left Thursday's game against Milwaukee in the middle of an at-bat by Hernan Perez in the eighth inning. Barrett took the loss after giving up the go-ahead single to Milwaukee's Scooter Gennett with two outs.

Barrett is 3-2 with a 4.64 ERA in 30 games this season.

Carpenter was acquired from the New York Yankees on Thursday for minor league infielder Tony Renda. The reliever was designated for assignment by the Yankees on June 3.

Carpenter is returning to the NL East after spending the 2013 and 2014 seasons with Atlanta.

### GOLF

#### Koepka shoots 3-under 67 for 36-hole lead at St. Jude

Brooks Koepka is tuning up quite nicely for the U.S. Open at the event he added at the deadline.

Koepka, who had a share of the lead after the first round, shot a 3-under 67 Friday to lead the St. Jude Classic by a stroke after 36 holes. He turned in a four birdie-one bogey round for a 9-under 131.

### NFL

#### Pats sign veteran QB Flynn as Brady faces suspension

The New England Patriots have signed Matt Flynn to shore up the quarterback position with Tom Brady facing a four-game suspension.

That suspension could be reduced after Brady's hearing with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on June 23, but Flynn provides depth at a spot where the Patriots only have second-year pro Jimmy Garoppolo.

— FROM WIRE REPORTS

## USTA helps players stay in the swing of things

### EFHS grad Hoffman helps to bring tennis instruction to county

BY SEAN MCNAMARA  
TIMES WEST VIRGINIAN

FAIRMONT — In Marion County, tennis players have access to resources during the summer to help keep them in the swing of things and not fall off their game after the conclusion of the season.

Kyle Hoffman is an East Fairmont High School graduate and currently serves as the West Virginia tennis representative from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and covers 35 counties.

The USTA helps with tennis instruction all over the country and is becoming more popular not only in West Virginia but Marion County in particular.

Hoffman got his start at the park program at Mary Lou Retton Park and now uses his position and abilities to help

local kids have fun playing the game he loves while allowing them to stay sharp for competition in high school and beyond.

According to Hoffman, this time over the summer is perfect for kids to get out and play because without school they may have more free time and they can take advantage of the warm weather.

"Kids a lot of times have the



Hoffman

feeling that they can just come out for the season and compete at a high level," Hoffman said. "When they go out there during the season and struggle, it's because they're playing kids that play year-round."

Hoffman explained that if an athlete wants to be a serious competitor in tennis, now is the time when champions are made.

"What we tell our kids is

that your season isn't won or lost in those two months in high school tennis," Hoffman said. "It's really what you do in the other 10."

The USTA offers different tennis lessons to local kids as well as group activities.

The most popular event is the tennis mini-camp, which is set up for kids ages 4-14.

In this mini-camp they learn the basics of tennis using what Hoffman describes as a player-

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# A 'head' of the problem

## Coaches responsible for teaching proper heading techniques

BY MATT WELCH  
TIMES WEST VIRGINIAN

FAIRMONT — It may seem like the perfect play: The soccer ball hurling toward you through the air, you smack it with your head and watch as it bounces past the keeper for a goal.

But then the symptoms kick in.

Headache. Confusion. Memory loss. Nausea.

Chances are, your goal via header has resulted in a concussion.

While there are many different ways a soccer play can sustain a concussion, heading the ball seems to be a hot topic among national concern, revolving around the FIFA Women's World Cup that began this week.

According to The Associated Press, 15-year-old Gracie Hussey and her mother, Beth, have begun a Safer Soccer initiative that recommends kids under the age of 14 not be taught headers until they're in high school, "after their brains and necks have had a chance to develop." Gracie and her mother have joined forces with the Sports Legacy Institute, a concussion research and advocacy nonprofit, and the Santa Clara Institute of Law and Ethics to combat the issue.

According to the AP story, Gracie can no longer play soccer because of concussions sustained in the sport.

A study published in the American Journal of Sports Medicine in 2012 showed that football had the greatest incidence of concussions among high school athletes. Girls' soccer was second.

"If it weren't for headers, soccer wouldn't be in the high-risk group for head injury, and it is, surprisingly. Many people don't

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— **ERIC WRIGHT**,  
EAST FAIRMONT  
GIRLS' SOCCER  
COACH



## U.S., Sweden play to 0-0 group-stage draw



AP PHOTO

Sweden's Therese Sjogran (15) and United States' Sydney Leroux chase down the ball during first-half FIFA Women's World Cup soccer game action in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Friday.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — The United States played to a 0-0 tie with Sweden and former coach Pia Sundhage Friday night in one of the most anticipated matches of the group stage at the Women's World Cup.

Abby Wambach came off the bench in the second half, but her header in the 72nd minute was popped up and over the crossbar by Swedish goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl.

A win would have assured the United States a spot in the knockout round as the Americans seek their third World Cup title, but first since 1999. The U.S. women advanced to the final four years ago in Germany, but fell to

Japan on penalty kicks.

The United States, ranked No. 2 in the world, has one more group stage match, on Tuesday in Vancouver, British Columbia, against Nigeria. Sweden heads to Edmonton, Alberta, for its final group match with Australia. The monthlong tournament, with an expanded field of 24 teams, is being played across six Canadian cities.

The U.S. leads the Group D standings with four points, following a 3-1 victory over No. 10 Australia in the opener. Sweden was surprised in its opener by No. 33 Nigeria, which erased a 2-0 deficit at the half for a 3-all tie.

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## 26 sports apply for inclusion in Tokyo Olympics

TOKYO (AP) — Baseball and softball could be included in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. But how about korfbal, billiards or even American football?

Tokyo organizers on Friday released a list of 26 sports that have applied for inclusion in the games. Some were familiar why others like surfing, wushu or sumo could give the Olympics a unique look.

The combined bid of men's baseball and women's softball is considered a favorite because of the popularity of those sports in Japan. Other federations that hope to have their sports added to the program include karate, squash and roller sports.

"We have three criteria in deciding which sports will be chosen," said Toshiro Muto, chief executive officer of the Tokyo organizing committee. "They must be popular with young people, give momentum to Tokyo 2020 and meet IOC standards."

Tokyo will announce a short-list of candidates on June 22. Finalists will make a presentation in Tokyo in August, and organizers will make recommendations to the International Olympic Committee by Sept. 30.

The IOC will make a final decision in August 2016, when it meets ahead of the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Under the IOC's "Olympic Agenda 2020" reforms approved in December, host cities can propose the addition of one or more sports for their games.

IOC President Thomas Bach said earlier this week that he wants sports with youth appeal.

"We would like to see in the proposals also an event or events which are attractive to youth in particular," he said in Lausanne, Switzerland. "We think that this would be a win-win situation. It would give Japan the great opportunity to present itself to the world as a youthful nation looking to the future embracing youth and other cultures."

"I am confident that this call for youth in the Olympic Agenda 2020 will be reflected in the proposal we are going to receive in September," Bach said.

Muto also said sports which would not require new venues to be built are preferred. Tokyo Olympic organizers have been looking for ways to reduce costs.

Baseball and softball were dropped after the 2008 Beijing Games and have failed in several bids for reinstatement. They would be a huge draw in Japan.

"Baseball and softball at the Tokyo 2020 Games can help spread Olympic values with the entire nation of Japan and those around the world," said Riccardo Fraccari, president of the World Baseball Softball Confederation.

Many of the sports up for consideration have been applied for Olympic inclusion in the past, some multiple times.

The full list of applicants: Air sports, American football, baseball-softball, bowls, bowling, bridge, chess, dance sport, floorball, flying disc, karate, korfbal, netball, orienteering, polo, racquetball, roller sports, sport climbing, squash, sumo, surfing, tug of war, underwater, waterski and wakeboard, and wushu.

# Earnhardt, Edwards don't miss Chase-related pressure

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Just over halfway through the Sprint Cup regular season, Dale Earnhardt Jr. can be about as care-free as he wants on the racetrack. “We could run terrible,” he said. “We could have accidents every week and still make the Chase.”

That's certainly an extreme way of putting it, but Earnhardt is one of several drivers who can rest easy, having already won a race to put themselves in almost certain position to make NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup. So those racers can relax — and maybe drive a bit more aggressively for the win, because it probably doesn't matter if a move backfires.

“Once you have a win and you're in the Chase you can really kind of let it hang out and have a little more fun,” said Carl Edwards, who won at Charlotte three races ago. “It takes a little bit of the anxiety away and little bit of the pressure, and everybody is just a little bit more loose.”

Nobody has mathematically clinched a spot yet in the Chase — drivers have to be in the top 30 in points to make it. But the 10 drivers with victories have little reason to worry about their post-season chances.

That's not to say they'll be mailing in these next few weeks. Earnhardt added a pair of third-place finishes after his victory at Talladega in May. He's been out of the top 10 the last two races, but that's a risk he's willing to accept, especially if it's a byproduct of trying to finish first.

“Winning races is so important. ... Only the winners get the acknowledgement and are relevant, so for our sponsors, partners, for network, for awareness, everything comes down to winning. People don't remember this great run you had, that you finished fifth,” Earnhardt said. “Since we've got the win, we're locked in. We can calm down and not be nervous and worried about our points in that situation, and we just go race. Second, fifth, it's really about the same thing.”

It's a simplistic way of looking at each race, one Earnhardt says he enjoys.

“It's not like we're just kicking our feet up,” he said. “You're really racing and enjoying it in its purest form, like you did when you started.”

Edwards, in his first season after joining Joe Gibbs Racing, can use this relatively calm period in the season to build toward the Chase.

“My teammates are so good,” he said. “We go to these meetings and I feel like I'm in school. I'm learning from these guys. I'm so excited to apply that and have the opportunity to race in a low-stress environment.”

Earnhardt won at Michigan in 2008 and 2012, snapping long losing streaks both times. After this weekend's race, the Sprint Cup schedule has a break that will allow him to head to Germany for about a week to research some family history. Earnhardt has German ancestors who were there in the early 1700s.

# Heading

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realize that,” Dr. Robert Cantu, professor of neurosurgery at Boston University School of Medicine, told the AP. “Girls are particularly prone to concussions compared to guys.”

In Marion County, former and current soccer players and current coaches seem to agree on one thing: Coaches need to know what they're doing when teaching techniques.

“Headers are one of my favorite ways to score or to get the ball to a farther distance to my teammates. But with headers, you have to be careful where you hit the ball with your head,” said former North Marion standout and current Fairmont State University women's soccer player Cassidy Rodriguez. “Many players hit the ball incorrectly, which could cause them to have a concussion. In headers, you also have to be aware of how hard the ball is coming at you because if you hit the ball with your head incorrectly, it could leave you in a possible concussion.”

Many times, those skills are not taught at the youth level unless those athletes are playing in a highly competitive travel league.

Youth leagues in any sport are generally made up of volunteer coaches. Those coaches generally come in the form of parents who step in to help out the teams so that they can actually form a team with a supervisor and play the sport.

It's not a secret that youth leagues run on the support of their volunteers, but those volunteers should take the time to learn the proper techniques, said East Fairmont girls' soccer coach Eric Wright, who has been involved with recreational leagues, travel leagues and the high school teams.

“I think anybody that is going to coach it should have a clear and undoubted understanding of how to do it,” Wright said. “If you don't do it correctly, then you're just hurting the kids.”

Wright said that when he began coaching with the Marion County Youth Soccer Association, he wasn't sure of the proper technique. Without having played the sport growing up, he didn't feel confident teaching headers to his players.

But he took an extra step or two to find out more about it.

“I watched videos,” Wright said. “And when my daughters would go to soccer camps, I'd ask those coaches about it. I made an effort to make sure I learned how to do it.”

Wright said that a few years back, the MCYSA made it mandatory for its volunteers to attend annual free coaching clinics prior to becoming a coach. Now, though, no such rule is

implemented at the youth level.

The consensus around Marion County is that the area high school coaches implement proper heading technique during the three-week live practice period during the summer months, the first chance that coaches get to work with incoming freshmen.

That's where former Fairmont Senior defender Ike Childers learned.

Childers said that his high school coaches told him that it's important to be ready for the ball before heading it.

“If you're not ready for the ball, then it can hurt you,” he said. “But if you head the ball the proper way, then you shouldn't get a concussion.”

Shouldn't being the key work, he said.

It's not a given that any impact to your skull will leave you dazed and confused, but there's always a chance that damage has been done.

Wright said that, as coaches, they're taught how to look for signs and symptoms of concussions.

“Before we begin each season, we have to take a concussion test ourselves,” Wright said. “It's a refresher that goes over the symptoms and how to look for signs.”

Much like Gracie Hussey, many athletes are forced to stop playing sports because of concussions.

East Fairmont's Toree Ridgway said she suffered at least four concussions during her high school career between soccer and basketball.

This past soccer season she was told that heading the ball shouldn't even be an option.

“The doctor told me I shouldn't do headers and I shouldn't agree,” Ridgway said. “Since I hit my head so hard, they didn't want me to cause permanent damage. Your head is a vital part of your body, and you need to protect it.”

While there are not rules yet put into place to prevent youth from heading the ball or require coaches to correctly teach that technique, the responsibility ultimately falls onto volunteers and parents to step up and take initiative, Wright said.

“I think any coach just has to make sure they're informed. They can't just assume because they're a coach that whatever they tell them is right,” he said. “A lot of the time it's not just up to the coaches. Parents have to make sure their kids are doing things right. The parents shouldn't just assume that this rec coach just taught their kid. Me personally, I'd ask.”

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## PRO BASEBALL

American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	27	.550	—
Tampa Bay	33	29	.532	1
Toronto	32	30	.516	2
Baltimore	30	30	.500	3
Boston	27	35	.435	7
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	34	24	.586	—
Minnesota	33	27	.550	2
Detroit	32	29	.525	3 1/2
Chicago	28	31	.475	6 1/2
Cleveland	28	32	.467	7
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	35	27	.565	—
Texas	32	29	.525	2 1/2
Los Angeles	30	30	.500	4
Seattle	27	34	.443	7 1/2
Oakland	25	37	.403	10

National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	29	.532	—
Washington	31	29	.517	1
Atlanta	29	32	.475	3 1/2
Miami	26	36	.419	7
Philadelphia	22	39	.361	10 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	21	.656	—
Chicago	32	27	.542	7
Pittsburgh	32	27	.542	7
Cincinnati	26	32	.467	11 1/2
Milwaukee	23	38	.377	17

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	35	25	.583	—
San Francisco	34	27	.557	1 1/2
San Diego	31	31	.500	5
Arizona	27	32	.458	7 1/2
Colorado	27	33	.450	8

**Friday's Games**  
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 3  
Miami 5, Colorado 1  
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
St. Louis 4, Kansas City 0  
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.  
Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.  
**Today's Games**  
Philadelphia (J.Sullivan 1-4) at Pittsburgh (G.Cole 9-2), 4:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (S.Miller 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 7-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Hale 2-0) at Miami (Latos 1-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Guthrie 4-3) at St. Louis (Lyons 0-0), 4:10 p.m.  
Washington (J.Ross 0-1) at Milwaukee (Nelson 3-6), 4:10 p.m.  
Arizona (Collmerster 3-6) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 4-4), 7:15 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Leake 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 2-2), 7:15 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 5-1) at San Diego (Kennedy 3-5), 10:10 p.m.

## HORSESHOES

Results from the June 8 Affiliated Horseshoe Pitchers MCPPARC/National Horseshoe Saction Association League

	W/L	Avg	Game	Over avg
Randy Salisbury	2-0	48.00	55	17.00
Sara Powroznik	1-1	36.00	49	7.00
Doug Shiley	0-2	26.00	40	12.00
Robert Carpenter	0-0			
Gretta Shipley	0-0			
Charles Bunner	0-0			

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**DEON DOBBS BASKETBALL CAMP**  
Deon Dobbs will be hosting a basketball camp from June 22-25 at West Fairmont Middle School. Grades 3-5 will meet from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., grades 6-8 from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m., and grades 9-10 4:30-6 p.m. Camp will focus on the fundamentals of basketball including shooting, passing and dribbling with a strong emphasis on defense. At the end of each session there will be 15 minutes of scrimmage time. All campers will receive camp t-shirts. The cost is \$80. Contact Deon Dobbs at 304-216-1516.

## GREEN HILLS CC HOMER DELOVICH OPEN

Green Hills Country Club will hold its annual Homer Delovich Open on June 20-21. This two-day event will challenge area golfers to determine who is number one for the weekend in the Championship Flight on Sunday. The tournament features proximity prizes, skins games, up to seven flights for Sunday's showdown and a Championship Dinner. The cost of the event is \$80 for members and \$120 for non-members. For tee-times and more information call 304-287-7439.

**FAIRMONT SENIOR SUMMER VOLLEYBALL**  
Fairmont Senior High School Volleyball will be holding summer practices from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. starting Monday, June 15 in the New Gym. For more information, please contact assistant coach Melissa Jura at 304-694-1986.

**WF MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL**  
West Fairmont Middle School will be holding summer volleyball practices at the school beginning Monday, June 15. Practices will be from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. daily. For more information, please contact Melissa Jura at 304-694-1986.

**WF REIGN TRAVEL ELITE BASKETBALL**  
West Virginia Reign Travel Elite basketball club is looking for interested boys grades 9th-11th and unsigned seniors to play in NCAA certified coaches events in the month of July. College coaches will be in attendance at these events which include Myrtle Beach, Richmond, and Washington, D.C. For more info Contact Coach Nuzum at 304-657-0954 or go to [wvreign.com](http://wvreign.com).

**POP COLTS FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING SIGNUPS**  
The Fairmont FOP football and cheerleading program will have signups June 13 and June 20 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Mary Lou Retton locker rooms for kids ages 5-12.

**EFHS FOOTBALL BOOSTERS**  
The EFHS football boosters will have a meeting Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m. in the high school commons area for parents of all current players and anyone interested in joining the team for the 2015-16 year.

**ASPIRE HIGHER BASKETBALL TRAINING**  
Hall of Fame coach Darce Vincent will be holding basketball camps at East Fairmont Middle School this summer. A camp for 7-8 grade boys and girls will be held on July 6-9 from 9 a.m.-noon and will cost \$80. A second camp for boys and girls grades 2-6 will be held from June 15-18 with a cost of \$80. Camps will focus on improving fundamental skills, developing ball-handling, shooting and dribbling skills, feature individual instruction with daily stations and contests and include post-guard development. Groups will be divided by age and ability. Contact Vincent at 828-260-5087.

**FSU SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS**  
The Fairmont State men's basketball team is hosting an individual skills camp from June 15-18 for athletes to work on fundamentals. Cost is \$150 and is for those ages 8-18. The team will also host a biddy ball camp from June 15-17 to help kids ages 4-7 learn basic skills. Cost is \$75. Make checks payable to Friends of FSU Men's Basketball and mail registrations to FSU Men's Basketball 1201 Locust Avenue Fairmont, WV 26554. For more info contact assistant coach Joe Mazzulla at 401-481-0464 or [mazzulla21@gmail.com](mailto:mazzulla21@gmail.com).

**SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS**  
Fairmont State will be doing summer tennis lessons at Fairmont State University for all ages and skill levels. Contact assistant coach Mary Chupa at 941-962-6947.

**MCPARC SUMMER TENNIS**  
The Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission's summer tennis begins the first of June. MCPARC offers lessons for kids, clinics, team play and play days. Adult leagues, lessons and clinics are also available. Contact MCPARC office at 304-363-7037.

**2015 FITNESS EXPO**  
4live Entertainment is sponsoring the 1st Annual Strongman Competition and Fitness Expo. The event will be on July 25, 2015 at the Parkersburg City Park. Competitive Events will include, but is not limited to the following: the Dale Hill 5k run/walk, with part of the proceeds donated to cancer research; strongman/woman; powerlifting; arm wrestling; cross fitness and miss fitness. Participants can register at [4liveentertainment.com](http://4liveentertainment.com) or call (304) 488-8587 for more information.

**HORSESHOE PITCHERS-MCPPARC/NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS OF AMERICA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT**  
The horseshoe tournament will be held at East Marion Park June 27 and 28. Entry fee is \$5 for cadets and juniors and \$15 for adults. Checks should be written to AHP-MCPPARC and mailed to 339 Merrick Road, Fairmont, WV 26554-8461. ATTN: Charles M Bunner. The deadline to enter is June 17. Awards will include trophies to cadets and juniors, first place trophies to adults and cash prizes to first, second and third place winners of eight player classes. Entrants with less than 25 ringer percent averages will pitch 40-shoe games and those having higher ringer percent averages will pitch 40-point ringer cancellation games. Scorekeepers will be paid \$1 per each game pitched.

**YOUTH SPORTS FEATURED EACH TUESDAY**  
Area youth sports team photos will be featured each Tuesday in the *Times West Virginian*. Photos may be delivered at the corner of Quincy and Ogden Streets in Fairmont, mailed to *Times West Virginian*, Youth Sports, P.O. Box 2530, Fairmont, WV 26555, or emailed to sports editor Matt Welch at [mwelch@timeswv.com](mailto:mwelch@timeswv.com).

# Pirates sign, assign first three players from draft

TIMES WEST VIRGINIAN

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Pirates signed their first three players from this year's draft and two of them will be heading to Morgantown to play for the West Virginia Black Bears.

Signed and assigned to

Morgantown was No. 6 pitcher J.T. Brubaker, a 6-foot-4, reed-thin 175-pound righthander out of Akron, and ninth-round pick Bret Helton, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound right-hander out of the University of Utah.

Also signed and sent to the Gulf Coast League affiliate in Bradenton, Florida, was No. 8

pick Seth McGarry, a 6-foot-0, 180-pound right-hander out of Florida Atlantic.

Brubaker, the third player from Akron to be drafted in the past four years, went 5-4 with a 3.63 earned-run average in 15 starts as a junior this season, striking out 72.

Helton is the son of former

Colorado All-American football player Barry Helton, who played four NFL seasons and won a pair of Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers.

Helton was just 2-8 in 15 appearances, 10 of them starts, at Utah. He was a two-time all-state selection at Cheyenne Mountain High in Colorado.

# Ex-Patriots linebacker cited in hit-and-run

BOSTON (AP) — Former New England Patriots linebacker Brandon Spikes was cited by state police Friday for rear-ending another vehicle on a Massachusetts highway then leaving the scene.

Spikes, 27, is accused of leaving the scene of an accident causing injury, speeding, driving negligently and failing to stay within marked lanes.

He will be summoned to Wrentham District Court at a date to be determined.

Spikes' luxury Maybach was found abandoned in the median of Interstate 495 in Foxborough at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday with

heavy front-end damage. At about the same time, police responded to a report that a Nissan Murano SUV had been struck from behind by a vehicle that left the scene.

Three members of the same family from Billerica, including a 12-year-old boy, were treated at the hospital for minor injuries.

“The charges against Spikes are the result of a comprehensive investigation that determined that Spikes' Maybach was the car that struck the Murano and that Spikes was driving the car at the time of the crash,” state police spokesman David Procopio said in a statement.

# Hoffman

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progression model. This means that kids play on a smaller court with a smaller racket and different balls.

According to Hoffman, these smaller courts, which can be seen at Morris Park, have different lines that denote the smaller playing surface.

Hoffman explained that Marion County was one of the first places around to really embrace the idea of smaller courts.

“This allows them to how to

learn serve, volley and learn the scoring at the younger age,” Hoffman said. “Most adults probably learn on a full-size court using a regular tennis ball.”

Marion County tennis players will also get the chance to play with athletes from Bridgeport and other areas in a team-tennis competition through the USTA.

The USTA also hosts an adult summer league, which has more than 100 members this year.

Many of the competitors in

the summer league are local high school athletes, but in this league, they have the opportunity to play against their coaches who also compete.

Coaches Josh Mason from North Marion, Mark Giorcelli from Fairmont Senior and Rodney Anselene from East Fairmont all compete in the league as well.

“The summer league goes back several decades,” Hoffman said. “This is the first time that we've ever gone over 100 play-

ers.”

This league competes on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights at East Marion Park and is in its second week of competition.

The league will run through the last week of July with a bracket tournament at the conclusion.

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# World Cup

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Earlier Friday the Matildas defeated Nigeria 2-0.

U.S. coach Jill Ellis tinkered with her lineup for the match against Sweden, starting 22-year old Morgan Brian while Wambach was on the bench.

Wambach did give the U.S. an immediate boost after entering in the 68th minute, but Lindahl kept the match scoreless. Liddahl was named the player of the match.

Some five minutes after Wambach's chance, Caroline Seger's hard shot from far out was saved by defender Meghan Klingenberg, who deflected the ball to the crossbar. Goal-line technology was used to make sure the ball never crossed the line on its descent.

The United States had a good chance in the 34th minute when Ali Krieger charged into the box but her shot to the far post went wide. Shortly after Hope Solo punched away Therese Sjogran's corner kick into a crowded box, Megan Rapinoe's free kick in the 39th minute sailed well over the goal.

Lindahl came up with her first big save of the match when she leaped to pop Carli Lloyd's shot up and over the bar early in the second half.

Solo leaped to stop Sjogran's hard shot from far out in the 54th minute but it sailed over her fingertips and over the bar.

Solo started in goal for the United States as off-field inci-

dents continue to haunt her. The United States opened played the day after an ESPN report revealed new details about her arrest last June in Washington state on domestic violence charges. The charges were dismissed earlier this year.

Sundhage was head coach of the United States for five years, guiding the team to two Olympic gold medals and the World Cup final in Germany. It was the first time the Americans had advanced to the final since winning it all in 1999.

Sundhage left after the 2012 London Games and returned home to coach her native Sweden's national team.

Adding to the buildup for the match, one of the most anticipated of the group stage, was a story about Sundhage earlier in the week in *The New York Times*. In it, Sundhage was quoted as saying that Lloyd was a challenge to coach and she suggested she wouldn't start Wambach at this point in the popular veteran's career. She said Solo was one of the most challenging players she'd coached, “especially when it comes to trouble.”

She talked about those statements before the match, saying the interview occurred back in April and she certainly was not trying to taunt the U.S. team. She called Solo “a piece of work,” but went on to also call her the “best goalkeeper in the

world.” She also said she would start Wambach on Friday night.

The World Cup is being played as FIFA deals with an ongoing corruption scandal sparked by the U.S. Department of Justice indictment of 14 people with racketeering, wire fraud, money laundering and

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