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TV LISTINGS

Sunday, Aug. 9

AUTO RACING

10 a.m. — IRL, Honda Indy 200, at Lexington, Ohio (VERSUS)

11 a.m. — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips, at Watkins Glen, N.Y. (ESPN)

AVP VOLLEYBALL

1:30 p.m. — Hermosa Beach Open, men's championship match, at Hermosa Beach, Calif. (NBC)

GOLF

9 a.m. — PGA Tour/WGC, Bridgestone Invitational, final round, at Akron, Ohio (TGC)

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Noon — USGA, U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, final round match, at St. Louis (TGC)

4 p.m. — PGA Tour, Reno-Tahoe Open, final round, at Reno, Nev. (TGC)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

10 a.m. — Minnesota at Detroit (TBS)

10:30 a.m. — Arizona at Washington (FSN, KNTR AM 980)

Noon — Chicago Cubs at Colorado (WGN)

5 p.m. — Boston at N.Y. Yankees (ESPN)

NFL FOOTBALL

5 p.m. — Preseason, Hall of Fame Game, Buffalo vs. Tennessee, at Canton, Ohio (NBC)

TENNIS

Noon — ATP, Legg Mason Classic, championship match, at Washington (ESPN2)

2 p.m. — WTA Tour, LA Championships, championship match, at Carson, Calif. (ESPN2)

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QUICK READ

Douglas leads Fever past Mercury

PHOENIX (AP) — Katie Douglas hit a career-high six 3-pointers and finished with 26 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in the Indiana Fever's 90-83 victory over the Phoenix Mercury on Saturday night in a showdown between conference leaders.

The Fever, a WNBA-best 17-4, won their fifth straight to move 5 1/2 games ahead of second-place Washington in the Eastern Conference.

Giants GM says Manning deal still being completed

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Giants general manager Jerry Reese says the number of details in Eli Manning's new contract has prevented the quarterback from signing his \$97 million, six-year extension.

Reese hopes the deal will get done soon, and is not worried that the agreement will fall apart. He spoke on Saturday between practices at training camp at the University of Albany.

Manning and the Giants agreed on Wednesday to the extension that will make the quarterback the NFL's highest-paid player based average annual salary. Manning will earn \$15.3 million under the deal that will expire in 2015.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Havasu swimmers go for the gold



By DAVID BELL
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

BULLHEAD CITY — The Lake Havasu City Special Olympians finished first in the gold medal count in a four-team Mohave County swim meet at Bullhead City Community Pool Saturday.

Havasu finished with 22 gold, six silver and four bronze medals. Host Bullhead City was next with 16 gold, five silver and two bronze, followed by Kingman with 13 gold, 12 silver and three bronze. The Route 66 Special Olympics team — which also serves the Kingman area — finished with eight gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

Bryan Smith led the squad with five medals, including three gold, one silver and one bronze.

Brad Biddlecome, Michael Carton, Keith Holbrook, Kathy Glascock, Heidi Rahnefeld and Kenny Hawthorne all finished with four medals. Biddlecome and Carton earned gold in each of their events, while Holbrook finished with three gold and one silver and Glascock finished with three gold and one bronze.

Rahnefeld finished with two gold and two bronze, while Hawthorne grabbed one gold and three silver.

Brian Rhoten and Christina Whitehead both went a perfect 3-0 in gold medal finishes while Peter Rocha rounded out the Havasu haul with two gold and one silver.

"These guys have done such a great job," said Havasu head coach Jill Wolfe. "When the season started we had some I wasn't sure could finish a 25-meter race and they're finishing 50-meters at a gold medal level.

Plus our swimmers are taking 25- to 30 seconds off their times today," she added. "I couldn't be prouder."

Havasu plays host to the next meet, Aug. 22 at the Aquatic Center, then finishes out the local region season Sept. 5 in Kingman.

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At left, Havasu Special Olympics swim coach Jill Wolfe, left, cheers on Bryan Smith, center, as he makes the switch to teammate Keith Holbrook in the 4x25 Medley Relay during the Special Olympics swim meet in Bullhead City Saturday. The Havasu team, above, finished with 22 gold, six silver and four bronze medals.

PREP FOOTBALL

New faces on gridiron for Knights

By DAVID BELL
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After the first week of practice, the Lake Havasu High School Fighting Knights are looking at about 140 players to make up the varsity, junior varsity and freshman football rosters. And head coach Karl Thompson said he couldn't be happier.

"This week has been really good," Thompson said Friday. "The kids are working hard. We've had two morning practices and we're getting more out every day."

Friday saw the coaching staff split the players into teams for the coming season. But Thompson said that doesn't mean starting positions have been locked down yet.

"We've got people in contention for these jobs. It's not etched in stone," he said.

Senior Doug Greene looks solid at quarterback, with Paul Lake and Jeremy Ernst — leaving Telesis Preparatory Academy for a return to LHHC for his senior year — challenging for the job.

"Doug is showing leadership out here," Thompson. "And now we've got a little more mobile quarterback, so we can do a little more zone read on offense this year. Maybe even a little triple option."

Greene, who served as a utility

player last year punting, kicking, running out of the backfield and playing wideout, said he's ready for the responsibility of leading the offense.

"I feel confident," Greene said. "Timing (with the receivers) is a big thing so we're working on that. And working on perfecting each play."

Greene will have a number of receivers to choose from, with Dylan Cullwell, Brad Fender, Trevor Evans and newcomer Kris Larson lining up at tight end or wide receiver.

Plus the Knights can toss to running backs Blake Garcia, Javaree Thompson, Max Delia (when he returns from a hamstring pull) and another newcomer that's caught the eye of the coaching staff.

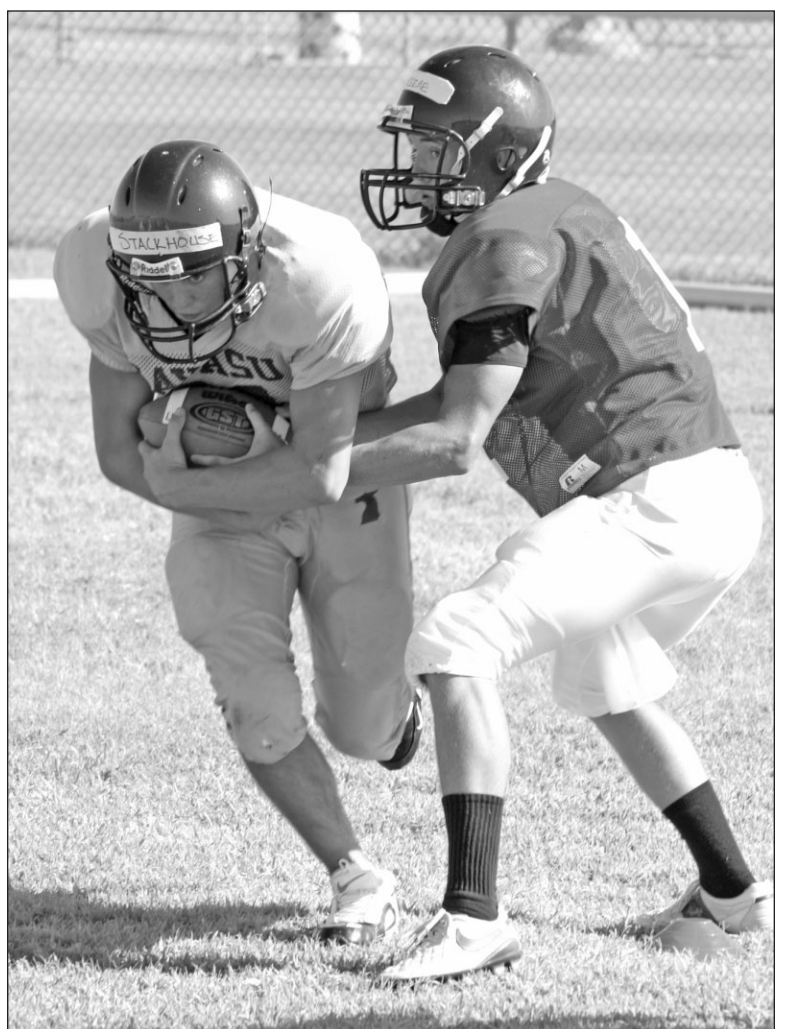
"Mario Ennis. He just moved here from Louisiana. He's good, runs the ball really hard," Thompson said.

The backs will be protected up front by returning linemen Nick Ewald, Jessie Ray, Brandon Vetter and Tyler Pogemeyer.

"With all the guys we have out this year, this could be one of the better lines we've had in the last few years," Thompson said. "It's going to be a battle for who gets the starting jobs."

The team's big questions are on the defensive side of the ball.

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David Bell/News-Herald Photo

Fighting Knights quarterback Doug Greene, right, hands off to Ryan Stackhouse during football practice Friday.

Playing for a good cause



Jillian Danielson Photo/Special to News-Herald

From left, Dave Brehmeyer, Kyle Rogers, Mikala Caringella and Gail McClory practice their putting before tee off of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Practice Saturday at Island Golf Course. Thirty teams took part with money raised going to support the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. A dinner with raffle drawing was also part of the event.

NHL

NHL asks court to toss out Balsillie's Coyotes bid

By BOB BAUM
AP SPORTS WRITER

PHOENIX — The NHL has asked a bankruptcy judge to throw out Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie's bid to buy the Phoenix Coyotes based on the league's overwhelming rejection of him as a potential owner.

The 26-page motion, accompanied by declarations from Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs and Minnesota Wild owner Craig Leipold, says the owners have concluded that Balsillie would be untrustworthy and that the court has no right to overturn their July 29 vote.

The owners say their opinion is based on Balsillie's behavior in earlier attempts to purchase the Pittsburgh Penguins and

Nashville Predators.

"We voted to deny approval to Mr. Balsillie because we concluded he lacks the good character and integrity required of a new owner" under NHL bylaws, said Jacobs, chairman of the league's board of governors.

The board, made up of a representative from each NHL team, voted 26-0 against Balsillie's application.

Three abstained and one representative was absent, according to Jacobs.

Two days after the board's vote, Balsillie filed a document in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Phoenix.

Balsillie contends that NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and "a number of owners have a personal grudge" against him.