



Inside: Get to know C-NS guard McKayla Roberts. **C-9**

SPORTS

COLLEGE HOOPS

No. 2 Virginia falls to visiting Duke

Tyus Jones scored 17 points and hit a clinching 3-pointer with about 10 seconds remaining Saturday night as No. 4 Duke ended No. 2 Virginia's 21-game home winning streak 69-63. Virginia started the second half with a 16-4 burst and led by 11 with just under 11 minutes to play before some ill-advised shots, turnovers and Duke's blistering shooting turned the tables. Also Saturday, No. 10 Louisville overcame an 18-point deficit to defeat No. 13 North Carolina 78-68 in overtime, and Pitt beat No. 8 Notre Dame 76-72.

College basketball / C-6

NFL

Seau, Bettis picked for hall of fame

Junior Seau, Jerome Bettis, Tim Brown, Charles Haley and Will Shields were elected Saturday to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The class of 2015 also includes a pair of contributors, Bill Polian and Ron Wolf, along with senior selection Mick Tingelhoff. Five nominees were eliminated in the final vote: Tony Dungy, Kevin Greene, Marvin Harrison, Orlando Pace and Kurt Warner. Earlier Saturday, the selection committee reduced the list of 15 modern-day finalists by cutting Morten Andersen, Terrell Davis, John Lynch and coaches Don Coryell and Jimmy Johnson.

MVP to Rodgers / C-4

GOLF

Teen is youngest to be ranked No. 1

With her second-place finish in the LPGA Tour's season opener on Saturday, 17-year-old Lydia Ko became the youngest player of either gender to reach No. 1 in the world rankings. The New Zealander, who held a four-shot lead on the front nine of the Coates Golf Classic in Ocala, Fla., double-bogeyed the 17th hole during a wild closing stretch, but still eclipsed the mark as the youngest to reach the game's apex by nearly four years. Tiger Woods had been the youngest player to reach No. 1 at the age of 21.

Golf / C-12

AND WE QUOTE

“Lance Armstrong, Barry Bonds, A-Rod spring to Patriots' defense over deflated footballs.”

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PICKING SIDES



Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady

Record defense will give Seattle back-to-back wins

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

The sideshow is over, which means Marshawn Lynch can go back to not talking and this realization can become obvious again: The Seattle Seahawks are still the best defensive team in football. And as we saw in last year's Super Bowl, defense still usually wins.

“We’ve got a lot of big-name guys, but you would never know because they work like they’re just average players,” Seattle linebacker Bruce Irvin said.

“They never let the starting get to their head, and I think that’s the biggest difference. Guys always come to work ready to work. I think that separates us from a lot of teams; that we practice our tails off. We bust our butts during the week so when Sunday comes it’s much easier.”

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AP

SUPER BOWL XLIX

New England Patriots vs. Seattle Seahawks

6:30 p.m. today
Glendale, Ariz.
TV: NBC
Line: even
Over/under: 47½

Tom, Bill and Gronk will bring Pats another title

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

Go ahead, pile on the Patriots. Declare the Bill Belichick-Tom Brady era over after they split their first four games this season. Call them cheaters when their footballs lose too much air. Predict the Legion of Boom will bring the hammer down on Rob Gronkowski.

Then jump on the New England bandwagon.

Watch one of the greatest quarterbacks ever lower the pressure on himself with handoffs to big LeGarrette Blount and quick passes to small receivers Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola. See the second-best defense in the Super Bowl silence Marshawn Lynch's running and put the burden on Russell Wilson to move the Seattle Seahawks with his arm and legs.

PATRIOTS, PAGE C-4



Griffin Engle, of Cicero, was 7 when he died of brain cancer in September.

Inspiration came in a small package

By Donnie Webb
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On Fridays in the summer of 2013, the Engles commuted from Cicero to Skaneateles so their son, Griffin, could participate in Mitch Major's skills hockey camp.

Griffin did not know any of the other kids. But he loved hockey. His father nicknamed him “hockey puck,” and Griffin looked forward to every Friday road trip when he could be with Coach Mitch at the Skaneateles ice rink.

“He just went and did it,” said his mom, Erin Engle. “It was only a week before he was diagnosed. He had cancer in his brain when he did that and you wouldn’t have known it.”

Griffin celebrated his sixth birthday on Aug. 17. A day later, he was diagnosed with Stage 4 Glioblastoma Multiforme, a rare and incurable form of brain cancer in children. He had surgery 11 days later to remove the tumor. Chemotherapy and some 33 treatments of radiation followed.

Throughout his fight, Griffin owned relentless optimism. As his mom said, he played hard, he loved hard, he lived hard.

Each morning, Griffin would wake up, come down the stairs and announce to his family, “It’s a great day to be alive.”

On Sept. 12, 2014, Griffin died at home. He was 7.

The Skaneateles High School boys hockey team is celebrating Griffin's life this season. They are wearing a special decal on their

GRIFFIN, PAGE C-8

Serena earns 19th Grand Slam title

By Christopher Clarey
New York Times News Service

Melbourne, Australia — Serena Williams thought she had finished off this Australian Open final with an ace only to discover shortly after the adrenaline rush that her bolt of a first serve into the corner had, in fact, been a let.

“I thought, Wow, this is it and I did it, and I dropped my racket and I was ready for glory, only to hear let,” she said in an interview with Australian television after the match.

Williams put her hands on

her hips, returned to the service line, bounced the ball a few times and proceeded to hit another ace in exactly the same corner.

This time, the celebration for Grand Slam singles title No. 19 could begin in earnest after a polite handshake at the net and a smile for Maria Sharapova.

Once more, Sharapova, the No. 2 seed, gave all she had against Williams, but her desire, baseline power and gutsy serving in the second set could not avert a 16th straight defeat to the No. 1 Williams.

This 6-3, 7-6 (5) victory gave Williams a sixth Australian Open singles title, but she had to wait five years for it and had to fight through a severe cold this year that left her occasionally coughing between returns and serves in this final. She said she vomited when she left the court during a rain delay in the first set.

But as Williams pointed out in her emotional victory speech, she has overcome a great deal more than that in

SERENA, PAGE C-3



Serena Williams reacts after falling during her finals match against Maria Sharapova at the Australian Open in Melbourne on Saturday. (AP Photo / Bernat Armangué)



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