

Monday's Sports In Brief

By The Associated Press

PRO FOOTBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick took a significant pay cut to stay with the Philadelphia Eagles and compete for a starting job.

The four-time Pro Bowl quarterback agreed Monday to a restructured three-year contract with the Eagles, just two seasons after signing a \$100 million extension that included \$35.5 million in guaranteed money. The new deal is essentially for one-year, however.

A source familiar with the contract said Vick could earn up to \$10 million in 2013 if he meets all his performance incentives, and the team will void the remaining two years on March 15. That person spoke on condition of anonymity because the terms haven't been released.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Bills new coach Doug Marrone began retooling his underperforming defense by releasing two veterans: linebacker Nick Barnett and strong safety George Wilson.

The two players were among the Bills' most experienced defenders, and finished first and second on the team in tackles last season. And yet, they were also part of a high-priced defense that finished among the NFL's worst in yards and points allowed.

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Criticized for not spending enough on free agents in recent years, the Indians splurged on another star.

The club agreed to terms with outfielder Michael Bourn on a four-year, \$48 million contract. It's the second major deal this winter for the Indians, who signed free agent Nick Swisher to a four-year, \$56 million contract in January.

Bourn, who was an All-Star with Atlanta last season, must pass a physical later this week in Goodyear, Ariz., before the deal can be completed. Bourn batted .274 with nine homers, 57 RBIs and 42 steals last season for the Braves.

Edith Houghton, one of the first female scouts in Major League Baseball, died at the age of 100.

After a playing career that included a stint with the Philadelphia Bobbies, Houghton worked for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1946-52, and also had a decorated career in the military. She retired and moved to Sarasota, Fla., in 1964. Houghton died on Feb. 2, in Sarasota, just eight days before her 101st birthday, a representative from Baron Rowland Funeral Home in Abington, Pa., confirmed.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana remained at No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25 men's basketball poll despite losing a game, surviving a week of upsets to become the first team in over a month to hold onto the top ranking.

The Hoosiers (21-3) lost to Illinois on a last-second basket Thursday but rebounded with a win at Ohio State on Sunday. In a week when four of the top five teams and six of the top 10 lost, it was enough to keep the No. 1 ranking.

It ends a stretch of five consecutive weeks with a new No. 1, two weeks short of the longest such stretch in 1993-94. Duke started the run followed by Louisville, Duke again, Michigan and Indiana.

In the women's poll, Baylor remains No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for a sixth straight week after two more easy Big 12 wins.

DOG SHOW

NEW YORK (AP) — There were 2,721 entries this year, though some missed out after getting stranded by the recent blizzard that hit the Northeast, but the 137th Westminster features dogs in 187 breeds and varieties with a pair of newcomers, the treeing Walker coonhound and the Russell terrier.

A highly ranked American foxhound known as Jewel that likes vanilla milkshakes won the hound group Monday night at Madison Square Garden. A bichon frise called Honor won the nonsporting group. He is co-owned by Ellen Charles, also the co-owner of Jewel. An affenpinscher called Banana Joe took the toy group.

The top working, sporting and terriers come Tuesday, and judge Michael Dougherty was set to pick the best in show shortly before 11 p.m. on the USA Network.

PENN STATE

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The lawyer brought in by Penn State to help settle Jerry Sandusky-related claims said he recently gave university officials monetary settlement offers from most of the people asserting they were molested by the former assistant football coach.

Attorney Ken Feinberg told The Associated Press that he delivered the demands to Penn State administrators, lawyers and members of the board of trustees during a meeting Friday in Philadelphia.

“The next step is Penn State — we’ll see how Penn State responds in the next few weeks,” Feinberg said.

Asked about the meeting, a university spokesman declined to comment. Reactions by lawyers for the claimants ranged from hopefulness to no comment. None would say what dollar figure he or she is seeking.

PRO BASKETBALL

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Golden State Warriors unveiled plans to wear the NBA’s “first modern short-sleeve jersey” for three of their remaining home games this season.

Adidas, the uniform-provider of the NBA, says the jerseys feature “the first-ever super lightweight stretch woven short with maximum ventilation for player comfort. The jersey includes

armhole insets with 360-degree stretch fabric that facilitates free range of motion for the arms and shoulders.” Adidas hopes to unveil similar short-sleeve jerseys for other NBA teams next season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Utes hired Dennis Erickson as co-offensive coordinator.

The 65-year-old Erickson will share the coordinator title with 26-year-old Brian Johnson, a former Utah quarterback. Erickson won national titles in 1989 and 1991 as coach at Miami. He has been a head coach at six universities — three of them Pac-12 Conference schools.

HOCKEY

MONTREAL (AP) — The NHL will not suspend Toronto Maple Leafs forward Mikhail Grabovski for allegedly biting an opposing player in Saturday’s game against Montreal.

The league said there was no conclusive evidence that Grabovski bit Canadiens forward Max Pacioretty. Still, Pacioretty said he got a precautionary tetanus shot after the incident in Toronto’s 6-0 victory. The forward emerged from the skirmish showing his arm to the officials and claiming that Grabovski bit him.

GOLF

FAR HILLS, N.J. (AP) — The U.S. Golf Association is adding its first championship in more than 25 years, getting rid of the U.S. Amateur Public Links in favor of a U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship to meet what it says is a trend at the state and regional level.

The Four-Ball Championship — one tournament for men, one for women — will start in 2015. Adding these two tournaments means the end of two others, however. That includes the U.S. Amateur Public Links, which dates to 1922, and the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.

SOCCER

HARRISON, N.J. (AP) — Thierry Henry says soccer officials should deduct points from teams whose fans racially abuse players.

Several players have been targets of abuse from supporters in recent weeks, including American forward Jozy Altidore of the Dutch club AZ Alkmaar, Barcelona defender Daniel Alves and AC Milan midfielder Kevin-Prince Boateng, who led his teammates off the field during an exhibition game in protest. Asked during an interview with The Associated Press on Monday how to stop abuse, the former Arsenal and Barcelona star responded: "Maybe take some points away."

SKIING

SCHLADMING, Austria (AP) — American Ted Ligety already has two gold medals at the world championships, and he hasn't even skied his best event yet.

Ligety won the super-combined title Monday with a superb downhill and an equally impressive night slalom run under the lights on the icy Planai course, for a two-run time of 2 minutes, 56.96 seconds.

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