

BRIEFS

Jones has 1 horse
in Kentucky Oaks race

Hopkinsville native Larry Jones will have one horse in Friday's Kentucky Oaks, the top race for 3-year-old fillies.

Believe You Can, which is trained by Jones, will start out of the No. 9 post in the race, which is set for 4:45 p.m. (CST).

The jockey is Rosie Napravnik.

Jones withdrew his entry, Mark Velaski, from the Kentucky Derby on Tuesday because he said the horse wasn't training as well as he wanted.

Hopkinsville golfer
makes 3rd hole-in-1

Hopkinsville resident June Nichols recorded her third hole-in-one on the No. 7 hole at Novadell last week.

The shot was witnessed by Mary Lou McReynolds on April 26.

Nicholson used a pitching wedge for the rare ace on the 78-yard par-3 hole.

McReynolds noted that the shot was made in 16 mph crosswinds.

APSU assistant hoops
coach leaving squad

Austin Peay State University assistant basketball coach Scott Combs has been named head coach at Martin Methodist.

It is the first head coaching position for Combs, who has been on the Governors' staff since 2000.

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early favorite

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this Derby. After Lookin At Lucky, when he got the one-hole, the excitement just left me because I knew he had too much to overcome."

Baffert had a heart attack on March 26 in Dubai, scaring his 7-year-old son Bode who was with him, and is the namesake of the Derby favorite.

"I just hope I have a chance to get my heart rate going turning for home," said Baffert, whose War Emblem was the last wire-to-wire Derby winner in 2002.

Union Rags drew the No. 4 post and was listed second choice on the morning line set by Churchill Downs odds-maker Mike Battaglia. He is trained by Michael Matz, who won the Derby in 2006 with Barbaro.

Wood Memorial winner Gemologist was the third choice at 6-1 and drew the No. 15 post. The undefeated colt is one of two trained by Todd Pletcher.

PREP



Christian County's Martajia Armstrong, shown in a meet earlier this spring at the Stadium of Champions, won the triple jump competition at the Area 1 Championships Tuesday at Marshall County with a leap of almost 34 feet.

Falcons just miss Area 1
Championships crown

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Athletes from nearly all the southern Pennyrile area schools tuned up for the upcoming regional track meets by participating Tuesday in the Area 1 Championships at Marshall County High School.

Paducah Tilghman edged Fort Campbell 126-125 to win the boys' championship, as the Falcons again look like a team ready to challenge for a state championship.

Christian County finished fifth (59) and Hopkinsville was sixth (58). Trigg County was 13th out of 15 teams with 14 points.

Meanwhile, in the girls' meet, Marshall County edged Murray 123-120 for the title. Fort Campbell took third (78) and Hopkinsville was fifth (62). Christian County was sixth with 49 points. Caldwell County (7) and Trigg County (6) took 14th and 15th, respectively.

For Fort Campbell in the boys' meet, Josh Clifton set two meet records on the day.

Clifton had a first-place finish for the Falcons, setting a meet record in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.71 seconds. The senior also set the record in the 300-meter hurdles in 42.09 seconds. Fort Campbell's Khalil Maynard was second in 42.27 seconds.

Jordan Francis-Gibbs won the 400-meter dash in 51.10, inching out Hopkinsville's C.J. Smith (51.70).

The Falcons' David Sahms won the pole vault competition, clearing the bar at a new meet record 13 feet, 6 inches.

Fort Campbell's 4x400-meter relay team also took first place with a time of 3:33.33.

Christian County was paced by Devonte Nicholas, who set a meet record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.80 seconds, just ahead of Gibbs-Francis (22.98).

The Colonels' Logan Hurd won the 1,600 meter run by nearly three seconds with a time of 4:42.81.

"It was great competition and that's what you want this time of year," Christian County coach Ed Davis said. "You want to run against the best."

Hopkinsville didn't have any winners, but coach Fred Sowerby said he was happy with his team.

"We're just running into what I wanted to look at," he said. "Our 100 relay is getting where I want to be and Robert Bell, C.J. Smith, Jerome Soldo are the guys I'm really looking at to get us to state."

In the girls' meet, Fort Campbell's 400-meter relay team took first place in a time of 4:26.75.

Hoptown's 800-meter relay team won by nearly four seconds over Calloway County in 10:49.70.

Christian County dominated the triple jump competition with Martajia Armstrong edging teammate Martesia Williams with a leap of 33 feet, 11 inches to 33 feet, 6.5 inches.

"She made a little adjustment and then goes out and jumps almost 34 feet," Davis said. "I was like, 'Whoah!'"

Results
GIRLS: 100-meter dash: Aunye Christian, HHS, 3rd, 13.32; Armstrong, CCHS, 5th, 13.42; Jessicak Tucker, FCHS, 6th, 13.79; **200-meter dash:** Christian, HHS, 2nd, 27.54; Raven Finley-Flowers, FCHS, 7th, 28.93; Shanda Legett, CCHS, 8th, 28.96; **400-meter dash:** Zaria Lambert, FCHS, 2nd, 1:02.58; Legett, CCHS, 4th, 1:03.55; Christian, HHS, 5th, 1:03.71; Lataviya Felder, 8th, 1:05.65; **800-meter run:** HHS, 2nd, 2:35.56; Tyler Hardy, FCHS, 5th, 2:41.11; Rachel Holmes, CCHS, 6th,

2:42.58; Ashley Baker, HHS, 7th, 2:45.14; Shaniya Marshall, FCHS, 8th, 2:46.91; **3,200-meter run:** Meghan Easton, HHS, 5th, 13:39.02; Frankie Mullen, HHS, 7th, 13:58.63; Tucker, FCHS, 8th, 14:13.57. **100-meter hurdles:** T'Kia Collins, FCHS, 2nd, 17.29; Finley-Flowers, FCHS, 4th, 17.64; Alexious Alexander, CCHS, 6th, 18.52. **300-meter hurdles:** Collins, FCHS, 2nd, 49.12; Finley-Flowers, FCHS, 5th, 51.76. **100-meter relay:** FCHS, 4th, 53.29; Trigg Co., 5th, 53.95. **200-meter relay:** FCHS, 3rd, 1:51.95; Trigg Co., 7th, 1:56.43. **400-meter relay:** FCHS, 1st, 4:26.75; HHS, 4th, 4:34.66; Caldwell Co., 7th, 4:53.78. **800-meter relay:** HHS, 1st, 10:49.70; FCHS, 4th, 11:16.28. **High Jump:** Gibbs-Francis, FCHS, 2nd, 5-02. **Long Jump:** Armstrong, CCHS, 3rd, 16-03.5; Williams, 4th, 16-01.5. **Triple Jump:** Armstrong, CCHS, 1st, 33-11; Williams, CCHS, 2nd, 33-06.5. **Shot Put:** Lexie Cabiness, HHS, 2nd, 30-05.5; Jaycey Kendall, Caldwell, 6th, 29-05; DeArisha Mimms, Caldwell, 7th, 29-00. **Discus:** Cabiness, HHS, 5th, 76-06. **BOYS: 100-meter dash:** Nicholas, CCHS, 3rd, 11.35; Terrence Kendrick, HHS, 4th, 11.42; Jefferson Alexander, CCHS, 5th, 11.56; Deonte McMillian, FCHS, 7th, 11.59. **200-meter dash:** Nicholas, CCHS, 1st, 22.80; Gibbs-Francis, FCHS, 2nd, 22.98; Kendrick, HHS, 4th, 23.45; C.J. Smith, HHS, 5th, 23.58; Alexander, CCHS, 7th, 23.87. **400-meter dash:** Gibbs-Francis, FCHS, 50.77; Smith, HHS, 2nd, 51.87. **800-meter run:** Jerome Soldo, HHS, 4th, 2:04.71. **1,600-meter run:** Hurd, CCHS, 1st, 4:42.81; Cassidy Busbin, FCHS, 7th, 4:58.11. **3,200-meter run:** Kenny Longstreath, HHS, 3rd, 11:15.30; Cody Busbin, FCHS, 7th, 11:50.18. **110-meter hurdles:** Clifton, FCHS, 1st, 15.71; Lance Cooper, CCHS, 7th, 19.26. **300-meter hurdles:** Clifton, FCHS, 1st, 42:09; Maynard, FCHS, 2nd, 42:27; Remaria Turner, HHS, 8th, 45.63. **100-meter relay:** HHS, 2nd, 44.52; FCHS, 3rd, 44.61; Trigg Co., 4th, 45.10; CCHS, 5th, 45.51. **200-meter relay:** CCHS, 2nd, 1:33.59; FCHS, 4th, 1:34.32; Trigg Co., 5th, 1:35.25. **400-meter relay:** FCHS, 1st, 3:33.33; HHS, 2nd, 3:37.72; CCHS, 4th, 3:49.97. **800-meter relay:** FCHS, 7th, 9:16.24; CCHS, 8th, 9:37.16. **High Jump:** Robert Bell, HHS, 2nd, 5-08; Christopher Schlangen, FCHS, 4th, 5-04; Darren Finley-Flowers, 4th, 5-04. **Pole Vault:** Sahms, FCHS, 1st, 13-06; Gibbs-Francis, FCHS, 4th, 12-00; Matthew Chinn, Trigg, 7th, 9-00. **Long Jump:** Shaquon Nicholas, CCHS, 3rd, 19-07; Drayton Simmons, FCHS, 5th, 19-05.25; Jayven Jones, Trigg, 6th, 19-00; Deonte McMillian, FCHS, 8th, 18-06.5. **Triple Jump:** Simmons, FCHS, 3rd, 40-09; Nighgell Davidson, FCHS, 4th, 38-07; Sam Stevens, HHS, 8th, 36-09.5. **Shot Put:** Trae Jones, FCHS, 5th, 41-05; Kendal Boatner, FCHS, 8th, 39-09. **Discus:** Cyle Jay, FCHS, 5th, 121-05; Jeremiah Davis, 7th, 111-10.

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Seau found dead
inside his home

OCEANSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Junior Seau, a hometown superstar who was the fist-pumping, emotional leader of the San Diego Chargers for 13 years, was found shot to death at his home Wednesday morning in what police said appeared to be a suicide. He was 43.

Police Chief Frank McCoy said Seau's girlfriend reported finding him unconscious with a gunshot wound to the chest and lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful. A gun was found near him, McCoy said. Police said no suicide note was found and they didn't immediately know who the gun was registered to.

Seau's death in Ocean-side, in northern San Diego County, stunned the region he represented with almost reck-

less abandon. The same intensity that got the star linebacker ejected for fighting in his first exhibition game helped carry the Chargers to their only Super Bowl, following the 1994 season. A ferocious tackler, he'd leap up, pump a fist and kick out a leg after dropping a ball carrier or quarterback.

"It's a sad thing. It's hard to understand," said Bobby Beathard, who as Chargers general manager took Seau out of Southern California with the fifth pick overall in the 1990 draft. "He was really just a great guy. If you drew up a player you'd love to have the opportunity to draft and have on the team and as a teammate, Junior and Rodney (Harrison), they'd be the kind of guys you'd like to have."



Jimmy Garcia uses rocks to shape a memorial outside the home of Junior Seau on Wednesday in Oceanside, Calif.

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FOOD: Hasselbeck embracing new season

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who Tennessee signed in March, were teammates on the 2005 Seattle team that reached the Super Bowl before losing to the eventual champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Hasselbeck and Hutchinson were two of seven Pro Bowlers for the Seahawks that year, which tied a franchise record.

"He's a great player. He's a great teammate," Hasselbeck said of Hutchinson, who is a seven-time All-Pro selection. "We've got a great group of guys in the O-line. I think we gave up 23 sacks last year, which is the second lowest in the entire NFL. And most of those weren't the fault of the offensive line. So adding a guy like that to what we already have is pretty solid."

Another advantage working in Hasselbeck's favor is he'll enter camp this season with teammates he actually knows as opposed to joining a team full of strangers.

Following the 132-day lockout that cancelled

much of last year's off-season, Hasselbeck left Seattle and joined the Titans and knew no one.

"I was like a new kid on the first day of school," Hasselbeck said. "I actually showed up when they were just finishing up running their conditioning tests. So I got a lot of dirty looks like, 'How come you didn't run the conditioning tests?' I was like, 'Talk to Southwest Airlines. Don't talk to me. I tried.'"

After narrowly missing the playoffs last season, Hasselbeck said he's not just trying to lead Tennessee to its first playoff berth since 2008, he wants his first Super Bowl ring.

"Our goal is to win our division this year and host playoff games at home. If you can host playoff games at home, I think that's the recipe to win it all, so we'll see."

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