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A Letter from the Executive Director

The thrill of the Olympic Trials is the culmination of years of hard work and training for one shot at Olympic immortality. Finish fourth at the Olympics and you are an Olympian for the rest of your life. Finish third at the U.S. Olympic Trials for Diving, and your journey comes to an end.

Diving is a striking sport to watch, but the excitement as a spectator lies in the air of competition, intense focus of the athletes and beauty of their sport. With the attention of the world on them, the competition is condensed into a short few seconds before all control is surrendered to a panel of judges. As the

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2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Diving

Did you know the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Diving are coming to our region in less than two months?

Come see Woodinville

U.S. Olympic Team Trials approach this June, the pressure continues to rise for these divers, as they fight to earn a trip to the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Seize your opportunity to see who will go down in history as a U.S. Olympian, with the chance for glory in London. This nationally televised event will feature our countries best, competing to wear the Red, White & Blue this summer.

Join us on the Road to London for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials-- Diving at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center. You won't want to miss it!

Ralph L. Morton
Executive Director

2012 Rock and Roll Marathon

The 2012 Rock and Roll Marathon is returning to Seattle. With a brand new course starting at the Seattle Center this event always brings a great atmosphere to the city center. Get ready to race, cheer or enjoy the festivities this June 23rd, 2012. This years finish line entertainment includes Gym Class Heroes and Cobra Starship!

native Carrie Dragland and Shoreline's Katrina Young fight for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team!

Single-session tickets are now on sale. To purchase through Ticketmaster, please CLICK HERE

NCAA Swim Dive Recap

March 22-24th NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Teams gathered to compete in Federal Way, WA.

The event was a huge success, bringing in 8,063 spectators both locally and from across the country.

Competition was fierce and multiple American World Records were broken.

For more information on registration visit us online.

Skate America selects Washington for 2012

U.S. Figure Skating announced today the selection of the ShoWare Center in Kent, Wash. as the host venue for 2012 Hilton HHonors Skate America. The event, sponsored by Hilton HHonors, is the first of six stops in the International Skating Union (ISU) Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series. Competition will take place Oct. 19-21, 2012. The DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport will serve as the official host hotel for the event.

Skate America, an Olympic-style international figure skating competition held since 1979, returns to Washington for the third time in the event's history. It was held in Everett (Comcast Arena) in 2008 and Spokane (Spokane Arena) in '02, with record attendance.

Skate America will feature three days of competition featuring 52 world-class figure skaters in ladies, men's, pairs and ice dancing. Past Skate America gold medalists include five-time World champion and two-time Olympic medalist Michelle Kwan and Olympic champions Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton and Evan Lysacek. The event also includes among its past champions Rosalynn Sumners of Edmonds, Wash. Sumners, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist and 1983 World champion, claimed Skate America gold in 1982 when the event was held in Lake Placid, N.Y.

All-event ticket packages are on sale. Single-session tickets will go on sale in late summer. Tickets can be purchased by visiting 2012skateamerica.com or at the ShoWare Center box office.

Seattle Mariners Education Day

Ultimately UC Berkeley won the NCAA Championships. Congrats Bears!

Community Events

Join Seafair Sports this summer for the Triathlon and the Torchlight Run!

July 22
Benaroya Research Institute Seafair Triathlon & Kids Triathlon
Registration open now!

July 28
Michelob ULTRA Seafair Torchlight Run
Registration open now!

For sports event info, training tips and more, follow the **Seafair Sports Facebook page**.

On Tuesday, May 8th, the Seattle Mariners will fan out to elementary schools around the greater Seattle area for the 15th Annual Seattle Mariners Education Day. The entire team, coaches and manager Eric Wedge will visit a half-dozen schools to challenge students to join the Mariner Moose D.R.E.A.M. Team by pledging to follow the D.R.E.A.M. principles—Drug Free, Respect for yourself and others, Education, Attitude and Motivation. At each school, players and coaches speak from experience about how the D.R.E.A.M. Team principles helped them get where they are today.

Back at Safeco Field, fans will have a chance to add to their collection of Mariners Express train cars with the Justin Smoak "Smoakamotive" for the first 20,000 fans through the gates on May 4 when the Mariners take on the Minnesota Twins (7:10pm start). Moms get an early Mother's Day present on May 9 when the first 10,000 women through the gates will receive a Mariners logo pendant (vs. Detroit Tigers, 7:10pm start). And Friday, May 25 is Dustin Ackley Bobblehead Night for the first 20,000 fans courtesy of ROOT SPORTS.

Cougar Athletic Fund

The Seattle Marathon Association has teamed up with Seattle Center to bring the **Seattle Marathon 10k presented by Next 50 Seattle Center**.

Held on Saturday, August 25th, this is the summer 10k you've been waiting for.

The race is being held in conjunction with, and benefits, the Seattle Center 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2012 and will be an event you won't want to miss.

One of Seattle's favorite sailing traditions, the **Leukemia Cup Regatta**, will take place on June 9, 2012 at Elliott Bay Marina.

Participating sailors raise funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma

The Cougar Athletic Fund would like to invite you to a Night with Cougar Baseball to be held at the Seattle Waterfront Marriott on May 24th. Don't miss your chance to see Scott Hatteberg, Tom Niedenfuer and many other former greats as they join Coach Donnie Marbut as the team heads into a series versus University of Washington. Please be sure to register online. It promises to be an exciting time as we look forward to the upcoming year of Cougar Athletics.

NASSM Annual Conference

North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM) Annual Conference will be hosted at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Seattle May 22-26 by The University of Washington's Center for Leadership in Athletics in partnership with Seattle University's Sports Administration and Leadership Program and Seattle Pacific University's Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science. The NASSM organization is comprised primarily of faculty members and researchers with an interest in sport management, recreation, education, and leadership. To learn more about the Seattle conference, visit online or contact the Center's Hannah Owings (hannaho@uw.edu).

Jamal Crawford Pro-Am Summer Basketball League

Society in support of the fight against blood cancer. Local blood cancer patients and their families are invited for a carefree day of sailing as our Honorary Crew Members.

Do what you love while helping local families! Learn more at **leukemiacup.org/wa**.

Shake up your tri season with **Land Rover TriRock Seattle** at Lake Sammamish State Park on July 15. Get ready to party with a band on a boat, entertainment throughout the bike and run course, and a post race concert.

This year the race will feature both a sprint hybrid and intermediate distance as well as a three person relay. For more information, visit **trirockseries.com**.

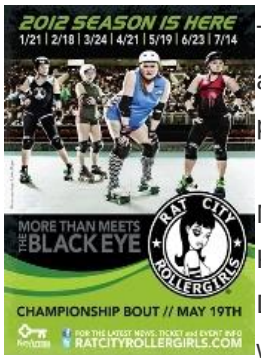
The Jamal Crawford Summer Pro-Am Basketball League is more exciting than ever! Our season tips off on June 16th, 2012 at the Rainier Vista Boy's and Girl's Club. Game times are 1:30 pm, 3 pm, and 4:30 pm every Saturday and Sunday until the end of August.

The Jamal Crawford Summer Pro-Am features current and former NBA, International, Developmental League, and Collegiate players including Jamal Crawford (Portland Trailblazers), Nate Robinson (Golden State Warriors), Brandon Roy (3X NBA All Star), Terrence Williams (Sacramento Kings), Isaiah Thomas (Sacramento Kings), Spencer Hawes (Philadelphia 76er's), Quincy Pondexter (Memphis Grizzlies), Will Conroy, Tre Simmons, Tony Wroten and many more surprises to come! You never know who will make a guest appearance. Last year featured John Wall, Earl Thomas, numerous Seattle basketball legends, and even Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn.

Come Support Seattle's top talent: Admission is $5 at the door (17 years old and younger FREE) for the day. For more information visit JamalCrawford.org and follow us on Twitter @JCrawfordProAm to stay updated.

We are also offering sponsorship packages for the first time this year. For information on sponsorship opportunities contact Brady Jensen at bsjensen2@gmail.com

Rat City Roller Girls



The stage is set for quite a championship bout as Grave Danger and the Throttle Rockets take play to the next level!

May 19th, Rat City will return again to KeyArena. First, the grunge match will feature DLF and the Sockit Wenches looking to finish with a big win – it may only be pride on the line, but don't think that means they won't be playing all out!

Then we move to the finale of the 2012 Rat City home team season – as April's winners Grave Danger and the Throttle Rockets face off in the Championship Bout! Can Danger repeat as Rat City Champions? Or will the Throttle Rockets stop them, to hoist the trophy themselves? Make sure you're in KeyArena to see it happen! Season 8 all comes down to this!

Husky Baseball at Safeco

Don't miss your chance to catch the Huskies at Safeco Field when the Dawgs host the UCLA Bruins at 6pm on Friday, May 11th. Enjoy Husky Baseball with all the luxuries of a big league park. Tickets, including special $30 Diamond Club seats can be purchased by calling the Husky Ticket Office at (206) 543-2200 or visit Ticketmaster.com to order general admission tickets.

Updates- Seattle University Baseball

The Seattle University baseball team concludes the 2012 season with four home games. First, after splitting the first two games of the year, Seattle U and Washington will battle for the bragging rights of winning the season series when the Redhawks host the Huskies Tuesday, May 22, at Bannerwood Park in Bellevue beginning at 6 p.m. The Redhawk baseball squad, the only Seattle U team to defeat

the Huskies in regular season competition since starting the transition back to Division I, is looking for its fourth victory over UW over the past two seasons.

The final weekend of the season brings the Portland Pilots to the Puget Sound area for a three-game series against the Redhawks. The game Friday, May 25, is Senior Night and will take place at Bannerwood Park, 1 p.m. The action moves to Courter Field at Bellevue College Saturday, May 26, at 1 p.m. and Sunday, May 27, at 12 noon. Seattle U saw success over Portland last season and looks for a repeat this time around.

For more information or to order tickets, call 206-398-GOSU (4678) or visit us online.

Seattle Thunderbirds & Kent Relay for Life

Seattle Thunderbirds center Tyler Alos and the Thunderbirds Community Sports Foundation have teamed up in support of the

Kent Relay for Life on June 1 and 2. Starting 6pm on Friday, June 1, Tyler will take to the French Field in Kent running the track for an hour or more.

Alos and the Foundation are raising money for cancer research in two ways. Fans can make a straight donation by going to the T-Birds Kent Relay for Life website. Or fans can call T-Birds Account Executive Jason Pouliott at 253-856-6844 to pledge a dollar amount for every lap Tyler runs. Fans interested in walking as a member of the Seattle Thunderbirds Relay for Life team should register on the Relay for Life website.

T-Birds are encouraging fans to come out to the field and help support the T-Birds/Alos team with their cheers and enthusiasm. Come have your picture taken with Alos and Cool Bird and make a donation to support cancer research.

Sailing for Cancer Cures

The Seattle Sailing Club is offering a special discount for their beginning sailing course for participants who join the new Sailing for Cancer Cures program and fundraise for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS).

Sailing for Cancer Cures participants will receive benefits including an additional day of sailing in the Leukemia Cup Regatta on June 9th.

For more information, please visit us online or contact Brianna at brianna.rockenstire@lls.org.

U.S. Divers Compete in FINA World Diving Series

On the 2012 FINA Diving World Series, the United States walked away with 11 medals: one gold, six silver and four bronze. The 2012 FINA Diving Series is a four-leg, invitation-only event for the top finishers of the 2011 World Championships. Divers stopped in Dubai, Beijing, Moscow, and Tijuana to compete in 3-meter Springboard and 10-meter Platform events.

World Rankings coming out of the event have David Boudia holding the 2nd place rankings (10m individual and 10m synchro with partner Nick McCrory), Troy Dumais ranks 4th in 3m Springboard, while Kelci Bryant and Christina Loukas ranks 6th and 7th in 3m Springboard.

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