

## EMERALD CITY CLASH



Seattle Sounders' Blaise Nkufo (right) battles FC Celtic's Jos Hooiveld for a header Sunday. Celtic defeated the Sounders 2-1 in Seattle. Celtic is one of several European teams on tour in the U.S.

## Wade unfazed by critics

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MIAMI -- Dwyane Wade is keeping track. He's heard analysts say this Miami Heat lineup will be a flop. He's heard other players lash out over the way

NBA

LeBron James made his decision.

He's heard executives from other teams list Boston and Orlando as the teams to beat in the Eastern Conference.

All duly noted in Wade's mind. He's not bothered nor angered, he says. But at the Summer Grove charity game Wade co-hosted Sunday with Alonzo Mourning, he acknowledged that when the Heat convene for training camp in late September, the naysayers will serve as motivation for himself, for James, for Chris Bosh and everyone else inside the reloaded Miami locker room.

"My whole career is built on fuel," Wade said.

"It's always been there. It's not going to change what I do with my life. It's not going to change the way I am as a person. But it fuels you. And we all need that. Every athlete, every competitor needs something to fuel them. It's going to happen throughout the year."

After an offseason with little time to relax, Wade got back to doing what he prefers Sunday — playing basketball.

James wasn't there for the festivities Sunday, nor was Bosh. But there has been a

giant spike in Heat buzz since they all announced they would play together.

Outside the arena for the charity, parking lots that typically charge \$10 a spot for NBA games wanted \$20. Fans begged for autographs, and Wade said there was more excitement than after the 2006 title.

"It's going to be crazy," former Heat forward Dorell Wright said. He would know.

He's a close friend of Wade, who is a godfather to Wright's son.

But when Golden State made Wright an offer, he decided that it was time for a new beginning.

"I'm just glad I'm getting out of the way," Wright said.

The new nameplates are already up in the Miami locker room. "James 6" and "Bosh 1" have already been installed just down from Wade's cubicle. The proximity of the stars, within about 12 feet of each other, isn't sitting well with Wade, who joked the new arrangement won't work.

It's his lone complaint of the summer.

The Heat kept Udonis Haslem, Joel Anthony and Jamaal Magloire, traded Michael Beasley and added Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Mike Miller.

Deals with Magloire and Juwan Howard will be announced later this week. Carlos Arroyo is on the cusp of returning, and James Jones said Sunday that he'll be coming back as well — even though it'll be at a lower salary.

In a few days, Miami has gone from a young team to a veteran one with title aspirations.

"When it comes to the top players and the excitement of players, you can't put a price tag on experience and we're bringing that in with guys like Juwan and Big Z and Mike Miller and of course UD coming back," Wade said.

"We went last year and the last two years of having a pretty young team of guys. Now we're a veteran-type team."

And that team will have a bulls-eye, Wade said.

He expects that when the NBA schedule comes out in a few weeks, teams around the league will check first to see when they're playing the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, then when they'll face the Heat.

"We're not even the champions but we're going to get that kind of attention from teams," Wade said. "It's a respect factor."

That "respect factor," as he put it, is what matters more than any doubters.

Wade knows what Miami will have in the locker room, and to him, that's more important than what any outside entity might say about the Heat summer of 2010.

"I'm not really concerned about what people say any more," Wade said.

"I've made my comments. Inside here, we know how competitive we're going to be. At the end of the day, we've got to play the game of basketball. We'll all see then. There's not well to say."

## Power takes crash-filled Honda Indy Toronto

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TORONTO -- Will Power knew when to be aggressive and when to play it safe Sunday in the wreck-filled Honda Indy Toronto.

After patiently avoiding early trouble, the IndyCar leader boldly passed Justin Wilson on the outside off a restart with 14 laps left, then held off Dario Franchitti for his second straight victory and fourth of the season.

"As I predicted, it was a very wild race," Power said. "It started on the first corner for me when I

had Helio (Castroneves) and (Ryan) Hunter-Reay come cruising up the inside. I was like, 'OK, I'll let those guys go.' And then I lost a couple of more positions. But I know how this race goes."

"The key for me when I came to this race was avoiding carnage and accidents, which I know happens every year, and like I said, in the first corner, that right there could have been the finish if I'd just turned in. But I backed off."

Power then gambled and won with the race on the line, moving past Wilson on the outside on the first turn after the fifth of sixth caution periods.

Power pulled away, while Wilson spun out moments later and

dropped from contention.

"The tires got a lot of pickup (rubber from other tires) and were colder and I knew everyone was going to be struggling and that there'd be a lot more chances of people making mistakes," Power said. "And that's what he (Wilson) did on the restart."

"I'd say it was a calculated, but risky, move to pass him on the outside because I wasn't sure I'd make it out the other side. It was close, but sometimes you have to do that in racing if you want to win."

All four of Power's victories have come on street or road courses. He won two weeks ago at Watkins Glen and swept the sea-

son-opening races in Sao Paulo and St. Petersburg.

The Australian, 42 first ahead of Franchitti, is in his first full season with Team Penske after driving six races last season, highlighted by a victory in Edmonton. Before shifting to IndyCar, he won three Champ Car races, including the 2007 Toronto race on the tight and bumpy, 11-turn, 1.755-mile Exhibition Place track.

"I want to win an oval race before the year's out," Power said. "I've been knocking on the door, so I think that may come."

Power gave Roger Penske his 150th open-wheel win and 41st in the IndyCar Series.

"They give me the equipment to

win," Power said. "I have a full-time ride with one of the best teams in the series, so to pay them back, you've got to win. We'll always be challenging for wins every weekend and we should be. It's as simple as that."

Power finished 1.2757 seconds ahead of Franchitti, the winner last year in Toronto.

Hunter-Reay was third, followed by Tony Kanaan, Graham Rahal, Danica Patrick, Wilson, Marco Andretti, Simona de Silvestro and Dan Wheldon.

"It was like a football game out there," Hunter-Reay said. "Everyone was hitting everybody else. It was nasty out there at times."

## Soccer

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Hayes, who started a 2-on-1 counterattack.

Closing in on the goal and with a defender converging, Hayes dished the ball to Leroux, who scored to tie the game. The run not only demonstrated Hayes' pure athletic ability but also her mental feel for the game.

Graham Hayes, who covers women's college soccer for ESPN, watched the Ghana match and was impressed by Hayes' decision making on the counterattack.

"I thought it was great. Sydney Leroux postgame credited Maya for making the pass and not going for goal," Hays said. "I saw [Penn State] coach [Erica] Walsh's comments about Maya when they signed her that it's those two parts of her game that are impressive."

Hayes said Ghana's athleticism slowed down the U.S. and didn't allow the American side to play its control-based game. Against the Swiss however, the U.S. jumped out early, scoring three goals in the first 25 minutes.

Against Ghana, the U.S. central midfield was unable to create

many scoring chances and had a hard time moving the ball. Nairn, one of the team's best playmakers and creators, was subbed out in the 54th minute. Though the move was a bit of a surprise, it did help the U.S. attack, but Hayes doesn't expect any long-term changes.

"What they seemed to be lacking in the first half was that playmaking, not just from Christine, but from the whole team," Hays said. "I was surprised that to fix that, you sub in Noyola who is a very good playmaker for the other playmaker. I don't think it was a reflection on Christine at all, the whole team just wasn't playing as well as it could."

However, the second match saw a different U.S. offense that created plenty of chances and a better flow up the middle. Nairn often dropped into a defensive role against Switzerland, and area of her game she admits isn't her strong suit.

Simply making the move into the defensive end and wearing the captain's armband, Nairn is developing as a leader on and off the pitch. Once she was taken off against Ghana, the midfielder said her job didn't change much, and she wanted to be there for her

teammates all game long.

Walsh has been in contact with U.S. coach Jill Ellis throughout the national team's camps and exhibitions and Walsh said Ellis has been more than impressed by Nairn's leadership.

"Speaking with Jill Ellis, she's just been praising Christine's growth and responsibility and accountability within that team from last cycle to this cycle," Walsh said. "Ellis said last year to this year [Ellis] said it's visible the changes that she's making in her leadership behavior and that can only benefit us going into the fall season."

The U.S. team arrived in Dresden in time to catch the third place game between Germany and Uruguay in the World Cup.

"It was amazing to see how important soccer is in their country. It's like football in our country, imagine a huge super bowl party with an entire city," Nairn said in the e-mail. "Because soccer is so young compared to others, it is not our main sport. I hope our country can continue to be excited to watch soccer after the World Cup is over."

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Christine Nairn (10) takes a shot against Purdue last season. Nairn is a co-captain on the U.S. women's U-20 team playing in Germany.

## Spikes

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double of the contest, giving Auburn a 6-4 lead.

The Spikes cut their deficit in half when second baseman Walker Gourley singled home center fielder Mel Rojas Jr. in the eighth. Right fielder Adalberto Santos lined into a double play the next at-bat, however, ending the Spikes' chance for to tie the game in the eighth. In the ninth, State College failed to score Curry from second with one out.

Curry led the Spikes, going 3-for-4 with a run scored, raising his batting average to .424. He has now reached base in all of his 14 games with State College, and has at least one hit in 13 of them.

Zac Fuesser, getting just his second start in six appearances, pitched 3.2 innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits. The left-hander struggled with his control, walking four while striking out only two.

Right-hander Trent Stevenson threw the next 3.1 innings, giving up four runs, two earned, on five hits. Colton Cain, making his sec-

"It felt like we were going to handle their starter pretty well."

Pat Irvine  
Spikes outfielder

ond appearance with State College, threw one shutout inning. Rojas Jr., the 2010 3rd-round pick of the Pittsburgh Pirates, made his professional debut for the Spikes. Batting leadoff, he went 1-for-4 with a run scored. He also ran down a fly ball in center field in the eighth inning that saved a run.

It was a play that Curry said no other center fielder he has ever played with has made.

"You can tell he's got talent and he's got a lot of room to grow," Curry said.

"He's going to be a great player."

The two Pinckney Division foes will finish out their three-game series at 7:05 tonight before the Spikes come home for a five-game homestand spanning Tuesday through Saturday.

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## Open

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Africa, the son of a farmer could not have afforded the travel required to reach the game's highest level.

"It was great to have a South African winning it on Mandela Day," said Dennis Bruyns, the chief executive of the Southern Africa PGA. "And there was a great sense of satisfaction in having a South African caddie with him, too."

It was the fifth major for the Springboks dating to Retief Goosen winning the U.S. Open in 2001, and the first at the British Open since Els won at Muirfield in 2002, a victory that inspired Oosthuizen.

"Shrek is on the move," Goosen said.

"I knew he had a lot of talent. He grew up in an area (Mossel Bay) that's very windy, so for him, these conditions are normal. The guy's got one of the best swings on tour. I think he'll be around for many years to come."

Some 45 miles away, Player

was returning from a golf outing and listening to every shot on the radio, proud as can be. He saw the potential played at the practice round they played at the Masters this year.

Player called Oosthuizen on Sunday morning and gave him a pep talk.

"I told him he's going to realize that lots of people are hitting bad shots," Player said, not knowing how few of those the kid would hit. "And I told him the crowd was naturally going to show a bias."

Oosthuizen was relaxed as he could be, putting his arm around Rasego after hitting off the 18th tee and walking over the Swilcan tree, thousands of fans packed into the grandstands, along the road and peering out the shop windows.

"It's a proud moment for us, especially with the Old Man, winning on his birthday," Rosega said.

"Winning at St. Andrews, it's unbelievable. He deserves what he's just done."

Oosthuizen might have been nervous, but it didn't show. Charl Schwartzel, his best friend from

their junior golf days in South Africa, ran into him on Saturday and said Oosthuizen was showing him comedy videos on his phone.

"This was about an hour before he teed off," Schwartzel said.

If anyone showed nerves, it was Casey.

With the warm applause from a British gallery that had not seen one of its own holding a claret jug in 11 years, he hit wedge to 4 feet below the hole at No. 1 to send a message. The birdie putt caught the right lip, however, and it took until the sixth hole before Casey could make a birdie.

He wasn't alone. Of the final 10 players to tee off, only Goosen made a birdie on any of the opening five holes.

Oosthuizen plodded along with pars.

Oosthuizen went 24 consecutive holes without a bogey until his streak ended on the par-3 eighth hole by missing a 6-foot par putt.

That trimmed his lead to three, and Casey hit driver onto the par-4 ninth green.