



Seth Davis hit the podium after a second-place finish in the 152-pound class in the state sectional and will begin his state tournament trek on Thursday.



Freshman Danika Mealer will start her state tournament trek as the four seed at 185-pounds after winning her sectional bracket.

# Forrest sends 2 wrestlers to state tourney

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A pair of wins in the Class A sectional by Seth Davis has sent the Forrest Rockets to the Class A state tourna-

ment, which will begin on Thursday afternoon at the Williamson Ag Expo.

Davis was awarded his first win via forfeit before defeating Tulla-

homa's Eric Barragan via pin in 1:29. He took second in the 152-pound class after falling in a lengthy battle to White House Heritage's Nikolas Taylor.

But he wasn't the only Forrest wrestler to have an impressive sectional showing.

Danika Mealer won the Girls 185-pound class after a pair of

forfeits to begin her tournament. She followed with a pin in 35 seconds against Blackman's Tessa Ball in the semifinals and followed with a championship

win against Mt. Juliet's Abigail Griffin to win the bracket.

Both Davis and Mealer will begin their state tournament on Thursday afternoon.



The Cornersville wrestling team has had a successful postseason, highlighted by the efforts of Austin King, JP Bennett and Xavier Viazcan. Pictured with the three wrestlers are (far left) assistant coach Katie Viazcan and coach Jeff Gros.

# Cornersville's Bennett headed to state tourney

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Cornersville wrestling was well-represented at the postseason plowed closer to the state tournament. J.P. Bennett has made quite the splash so far this

postseason, becoming the first region champion since the programs restart last year, winning the 106-pound weight class. He advanced into the sectional where he placed fourth and qualified for

the upcoming Class A tournament, which will be held on Thursday. On entering Thursday's tournament, Bennett begins his state tournament trek with a 42-11 overall record.

But it wasn't just

Bennett who has had an excellent postseason for the Bulldogs.

Austin King also qualified for the sectional tournament and saw his season come to a close in the consolation bracket after fall-

ing in a 14-10 decision.

Xavier Viazcan, who went 42-12 this season, took home fourth in the district match. He eventually qualified for the Class A sectional as well in the 182-pound class despite a 43-14

overall record this season, saw his year come to a close in the consolation bracket as well.

Thursday's state tournament is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the Williamson Ag Expo.

# Fangio introduced as Dolphins defensive coordinator

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Veteran NFL coach Vic Fangio compared the year he took off from the sidelines to a tenured professor on sabbatical leave.

For the 64-year-old Fangio, whose NFL coaching career spans 35 years, class is in session again.

Fangio was introduced as the Miami Dolphins new defensive coordinator at the club's training facility Monday. Fangio replaces Josh Boyer, who was not retained by head coach Mike McDaniel after three seasons with the club.

"I think the Dolphins have a good thing going here," Fangio said. "There are good compo-

nents of the coaching staff led by Mike that made it intriguing to join that. I still have a lot of coaching left in me. It's who I am and what I enjoy doing."

Fangio had a three-year head coaching tenure with the Denver Broncos, going 19-30. He was fired after the 2021 season, when the Broncos finished 7-10, and didn't coach in 2022.

Fangio is considered one of the league's respected defensive coaches. Before his career promotion in Denver, Fangio had two four-year stints as defensive coordinator with the San Francisco 49ers and Chicago Bears. Fangio also has served as coordinator

with the Carolina Panthers, Indianapolis Colts and the Houston Texans.

"It's an exciting day for the Miami Dolphins organization," McDaniel said. "Since the season ended we've tried to attach in the journey looking towards the future, whom can we entrust to continue to develop the players."

Under Boyer, the Dolphins were ranked 18th in defense and 27th in passing defense.

"You don't have a sustaining career — longer than I've been alive — like Vic has, without that fearless chase of continuing to evolve and get better," the 39-year-old McDaniel said.

Although the Dol-

phins defense was in the bottom half statistically last season, Fangio believes the unit has a young and talented core.

Fangio singled out pass rusher Jaelan Phillips, safety Jevon Holland and defensive tackle Christian Wilkins among the players who could help lift Miami's defense.

Fangio's hiring already is attracting assistants from other teams. Los Angeles Chargers defensive coordinator Renaldo Hill, who worked with Fangio in Chicago and Denver, will join him in Miami.

"First and foremost, Renaldo is a good coach, a talented coach that's got a bright future in the

NFL," Fangio said. "His familiarity with me and the system and what we do was important to me. But, regardless of that, just his ability to be a great coach is what attracted me."

During his time off from coaching, Fangio studied game tapes throughout the season, visited family in the Northeast and played golf. Fangio also served as a consultant to Philadelphia Eagles head coach Nick Sirianni while the club prepared for the NFC championship game and Super Bowl.

"It was an interesting year, one I would recommend for anybody to do it at some point," Fangio

said. "But in this business you can't do it too often."

Now, Fangio directs his entire attention to helping the Dolphins defense become a comparable component to their offense.

"You have to fit the scheme to the players that you have while also factoring in the opponents that you're playing," Fangio said. "Hopefully we will be a team that would keep the points down and put our offense in a position to score points for us."

"I'm not a buzzword guy. You want to play good defense and what's good defense? Keep them out of the end zone."

## Golf

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whatever it is. You're going to get home and away, you're going to get some people that you want to win and not win. We're going to have that type of excitement." And you can bet on it.

Literally, Woods pointed out.

"Wagering is part of our sport, part of our culture," Woods said, then turned and looked at McIlroy. "We don't know how to play golf without it."

Access is part of the allure of the concept, along with the technology. Only a handful

of fans at typical golf events can get close to the action, and they're often running from hole to hole to stay with a certain group.

TGL players will be mic'd-up, and fans won't have to guess what their thought processes are on certain shots.

"It's going to give the viewer at home and also

the people in the arena just more of an in-depth of sort of how we do things and how we sort of think through things in our head," McIlroy said. "It's just a more in-depth look into that."

Mike McCarley, another co-founder and former Golf Channel president, said the arena will be built on a

10-acre (435,600-square foot) parcel of unused land. The partnership includes educational and recreational initiatives that will benefit Palm Beach State students, along with offering paid internships and other opportunities for students in technology, hospitality and administrative services.

"Think about how cool this will be for this land, this campus, to become a launching pad for future leaders in sports and media and technology as they learn here as part of TGL," McCarley said. "We are breaking ground on much more than a dream, much more than a prime-time golf league."