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Seahawks begin life without Sherman

By **TIM BOOTH**
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RENTON, Wash. — Back from a long weekend of needed rest, the Seattle Seahawks began life without Richard Sherman on Tuesday.

It was noticeably different for those who have become accustomed to hearing the cornerback's voice on a daily basis.

"Just his energy, his passion, his trash talking is definitely going to be missed," Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner said. "But I'm positive he's going to find a way to talk trash on the sideline."

For the first time since before he was drafted, the Seahawks started a week of preparations knowing Sherman would not play after he tore the Achilles tendon in his right foot during last Thursday's win over Arizona. For as much as his mouth and some of his antics have drawn attention, Sherman has been an extremely reliable cog in Seattle's secondary since his first game during the 2011 season. His streak of 109 consecutive starts — playoffs included — will end next Monday when he's a spectator as his teammates host Atlanta.

Seattle's adjustment to not having Sherman started Tuesday, but will really get going Thursday when preparations for facing the Falcons get started. The team signed Byron Maxwell, who was released by Miami last month.

UP NEXT: SEAHAWKS

• Atlanta Falcons (5-4)
 at Seattle Seahawks (6-3)
 • Monday, 5:30 p.m. TV: ESPN

E. Washington tops Stanford to end drought

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Eastern Washington was winless against teams from the Pac-12 Conference for nearly 15 years. First-year Eagles coach Shantay Legans never had beaten Stanford at Maples Pavilion.

Both droughts ended Tuesday night as Eastern Washington climbed out of an early hole and led most of the way to claim a 67-61 victory over the Cardinal.

Bogdan Bliznyuk, a senior guard from the Ukraine, scored 23 points to lead the Eagles (2-1), who made 11 of 25 shots from the 3-point arc.

The Eagles snapped a 21-game losing streak against Pac-12 schools, dating to a 62-58 win over Washington on Dec. 14, 2002. Legans spent three seasons as a player at Stanford's rival Cal but never got a victory on the Cardinal's floor.

Alabama, then Clemson in latest playoff rankings

Associated Press

Alabama and Clemson are back on top of the College Football Playoff rankings, the ninth time over the last three seasons that the Crimson Tide and Tigers have held the first two spots in some order.

Alabama was the selection committee's new No. 1 on Tuesday night, with Clemson up two spots to No. 2. Miami and Oklahoma followed, joining the top four for the first time this season. Wisconsin was fifth and Auburn was up to sixth.

Washington State moved up five spots to No. 14, while in-state rival Washington fell nine, and are now at No. 18. They play each other Nov. 25 in Seattle.

HATS OFF TO HAGEMAN

ASTORIA ATHLETE WILL COMPETE IN TRACK AT OREGON STATE

Astoria's Darian Hageman is one of the most-decorated athletes in school history.

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Fishermen have sent their fair share of star athletes to Pac-12 schools — and they will add another today, when senior Darian Hageman will officially sign a letter of intent to compete in track and field at Oregon State University.

With one more season of high school track still to come, Hageman's athletic resume is already filled with numerous school records and individual state titles, in addition to her role in helping the Astoria girls track team win the last three 4A state titles.

Most families in Oregon show their allegiance to either the Ducks or the Beavers. The Hageman home is for the Beavers — which was the final tipping point choosing a college.

"I just know that from the time I was little, I grew up in a Beavers' household," Hageman said. "And just from my visit there, I had a good vibe about Oregon State. I felt like I would be a good fit, and it's a place where I could grow with the team."

"I made a visit to Seattle-Pacific, and went to a UW (University of Washington) track camp in the summer, but I think I knew all along I'd be going to OSU."

"It's not far from home so I can come



Photos by David Ball/For The Daily Astorian
Astoria's Darian Hageman won the 4A triple jump (above) and high jump at the 2017 OSAA state championship meet.

back and visit, and my family can watch me compete."

Hageman's former Astoria teammate, Kaylee Mitchell — now competing in cross

country and track at Sprague High School — signed last week to attend Seattle-Pacific University.

Oregon State went for years without a women's track and field program, before adding the sport three years ago.

"That was another factor," Hageman said. "Instead of going to a school with a super-established track program, I wanted to go to a place where I could help the program grow."

Head track and field coach Louie Quintana and assistant coach Pete Herber are both recent hires at Oregon State.

"I like the coaches — they're both super-good coaches," said Hageman, who competes in the triple jump, high jump and long jump at Astoria. She will likely compete in the triple jump and high jump for the Beavers, and possibly the heptathlon.

Hageman joins a select group of Astoria High School athletes who have gone on to compete in the Pac-12 in recent years, a list that includes Laura Bobek (Oregon track), Abby Chesimet (OSU track and cross country), Jamie Coggins (OSU rowing), Charlene Harber (University of Arizona track), Conor Harber (Oregon baseball), Max Johnson (OSU football), Dane Lund (OSU baseball), Jordan Poyer (OSU baseball and football) and Nick Strange (Washington State baseball).

Knappa's Takalo, Miller sign letters of intent

The Daily Astorian

The top pitcher-catcher battery in Oregon Class 2A baseball is signed and sealed, and waiting to be delivered to the college level in 2019.

Knappa seniors Dale Takalo and Kaleb Miller both signed letters of intent recently.

Takalo — a two-time state champion pitcher with the Loggers — will take his game to Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Miller — a catcher for the Loggers who is currently on a state championship quest in football — is headed for Clark College in Vancouver, Washington.

Blue Mountain Community College signed five future players to letters of intent, including Takalo, who will play for the Timberwolves in 2019. A new Northwest Athletic Conference rule allows baseball players to sign early.

"We are very excited to bring in this exceptional group during the early signing period," said Blue Mountain baseball coach Brad Baker. "Committing to BMCC this early shows us that these students value the education and athletic opportunities that we can provide them. With this group and a talented freshman class, the future of Blue Mountain baseball is very



Blue Mountain CC
Knappa's Dale Takalo, third from left, joins Blue Mountain coach Brad Baker and fellow signees Wyatt Hull and Jacob Seale in a recent gathering at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

bright."

The other four Blue Mountain signees include:

Wyatt Hull, a pitcher from Kennewick, Washington (Southridge High School), who was named Mid-Columbia Conference Pitcher of the Year and named to the 3A all-state team for Washington last year; Bennett Sacker, a middle infielder from Lin-

coln High School in Portland; Jacob Seale, a pitcher from Mountain View High School in Vancouver; and Jaydon Yancey, a pitcher from Meridian, Idaho.

Hull, Takalo and Seale were all able to participate in an early signing celebration at BMCC Nov. 1 with their families.

Takalo is looking forward to play-

ing on the east side of the state.

"It will be fun playing in some drier weather," he said, adding that he chose Blue Mountain "because I like the coach and the direction they're going. The program is headed in the right direction."

Meanwhile, Miller's signing was announced in a Clark College press release last week.

Miller was a first-team all-league player (Class 3A) as a freshman and sophomore at Pleasant Hill High School, before transferring to Knappa, where he was second-team all-state last year.

"I'm excited to continue my education and baseball career at Clark," said Miller, currently the Knappa quarterback.

Clark College baseball coach Mark Magdaleno said, "Kaleb is a competitor and understands what we are building here. Obviously he's had a good high school career thus far and we feel that he will continue to get better. We are getting a good student, a good baseball player, and a solid young man. He's a son of a football coach, so he understands the dynamics of building a team and a program. He will be a good fit in our clubhouse."

Miller is the third Knappa baseball player to sign with Clark College in the last two years.