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Shrine game set for Saturday



From left to right, Seaside's Alexander Teubner and Travis Fenton are joined by Henry Samuelson, of Astoria, following their selection to the Shrine all-star football game.

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Three local players were chosen to take part in the annual East-West Shrine football game, scheduled for Saturday at Bulldog Stadium in Baker.

The annual parade starts at 11 a.m., with the game kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Now in its 67th year, the game will showcase the top seniors in the state from the 2018 season, from the 1A to 4A levels.

Henry Samuelson, of Astoria, and Seaside's Travis Fenton and Alexander Teubner were all selected to compete for the West squad (only Fenton is currently listed on the West roster).

Other regional players on

the West team will include Hayden Gobel, Blake Markham and Hayden Vandehey of 4A state champion Banks, Cooper Blodgett, of Clatskanie, Logan Keizer and Joey Tripp, of Rainier, and Tristan Bennett from Neah-Kah-Nie.

The West team coaches are Frank Geske (Marist), Mike King (Rainier), Chris Bennett (Neah-Kah-Nie) and Kayne Pedrick (Powers).

The game, which benefits the Portland Shriners Hospital for Children, will be aired on the ROOT sports network, on the following days: Aug. 5 (7 p.m.), Aug. 7 (12 a.m.), Aug. 8 (7:30 p.m.), Aug. 18 (2 a.m.), Aug. 21 (10:30 p.m.) and Aug. 24 (12:30 p.m.).

WEST ROSTER

Dax Bennett, Harrisburg
 Tristan Bennett, Neah-Kah-Nie
 Cooper Blodgett, Clatskanie
 Sean Bodi, Stayton
 Austin Burgess, Falls City
 Macoy Christman, Cascade
 Jacob DeBoff, Sheridan
 Jayden Eriksen, Jefferson
Travis Fenton, Seaside
 Lucas Fisher, Newport
 Cristian Garcia, Monroe
 Hayden Gobel, Banks
 Justin Herberger, St. Paul
 Logan Keizer, Rainier
 Blake Markham, Banks
 Brady Nagel, Elmira
 Caleb Parks, North Douglas
 Kane Rust, Philomath
 Garrett Sandefur, Stayton
 Robby Scharf, Amity
 West Streeter, Amity
 Greg Stump, Marshfield
 Trevor Tinney, Santiam
 Victor Torres, Madras
 Joey Tripp, Rainier
 Hayden Vandehey, Banks
 Nathan Virtue, Sweet Home
 Noah White, Dayton

Astoria football camp begins this Monday

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The Astoria High School football coaching staff will be conducting a four-day football camp at CMH Field beginning Monday for any students entering kindergarten through eighth grade for the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

Camp times are 5 to 6:30 p.m. each night with "day of camp" registration beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Cost is \$30 per individual or \$50 per family. Scholarships are available for any camper in need of financial assistance. Camp fee includes a T-shirt and free admission to the AHS football Commitment Camp the following week for Astoria Middle School football players.

Camp instruction will include, but not be limited

to, individual technique of all offensive, defensive and special teams positions, recommended nutritional training, offseason and in-season training, the importance of goal setting, and the importance of team building.

The camp will be led by the guidance of AHS senior student-athletes, and many current and former AHS football players will serve as guest coaches.

Interested players who may have a financial hardship should contact coach Howard Rub.

Campers may only drink water on the artificial turf. Also, campers are not allowed to wear a metal-cleated shoe on the turf.

For questions or more information, contact coach Rub via phone at 503-298-9419, or via email at: hrub@astoria.k12.or.us.

Football Hall of Fame will expand number of inductees for 2020 class

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

NFL game.

Baker did not identify the specific members of the 25-person committee, nor the exact voting procedures. Through the years, 80% positive votes have been required for election.

CANTON, Ohio — The Pro Football Hall of Fame will expand the number of potential inductees to 20 in 2020 as part of the NFL's celebration of its 100th season.

Calling it a centennial class, hall president David Baker said Friday five modern-day players, 10 seniors, three contributors and two coaches could be elected next year. The modern-day group would be decided by the 48 selection committee voters, as always, on the day before the Super Bowl in February.

The other 15 would be voted on as one bloc, not individually, by the selection committee. They would be chosen by a 25-member committee that will include Hall of Famers, historians and current voters.

Part of the 2020 class would be inducted in early August. The others would be enshrined about Sept. 17, 2020, the date that marks 100 years from the original

many potential inductees next year — the current maximum is eight — there will be "a lot of doors to knock on" with the good news.

"This is good for football, for the Pro Football Hall of Fame and it is great for the NFL," he said. "We get a way to celebrate 100 years and look forward to the next 100 years."

Baker also expressed strong confidence that the voters will get things right and no one who doesn't have the proper credentials will wind up making the hall.

"It's an opportunity to catch up perhaps on some injustices," he said, mentioning there are seven members of NFL all-decade teams not in the Hall of Fame. "This is an opportunity that comes around every other lifetime."

Seahawks' Dissly trying for a rapid recovery from knee injury

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Will Dissly spent Thanksgiving with his family in Montana last year for what he guesses was the first time since 2013.

The Seattle Seahawks tight end would rather have been on the field with his teammates.

But Dissly, who missed several other Thanksgiving celebrations while playing in college, was in the initial stages of recovering from surgery for a torn patellar tendon.

The chance to be at home was a much-needed break after going from wrapping up his career with the Washington Huskies, to preparing for the NFL draft, to beginning his pro career.

"I was in a straight-leg brace for six weeks and it was a good opportunity to go and spend time with them, spend Thanksgiving with the family and kind of just heal and rest. If I'm here I would just want to do more and more, and I think rest and recovery is important," he said. "It was almost like a mini vacation."

Once he returned to Seattle, however, he turned his entire focus to recovering from the injury that derailed



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Seahawks tight end Will Dissly runs at an NFL football training camp on Thursday in Renton, Wash.

his promising rookie season. Seattle's fourth-round pick in the 2018 draft had quickly developed into a contributor when he went down in Week 4 against Arizona.

Ten months later, Dissly is going through full team drills in training camp and feeling optimism that he will be ready by the start of the season.

"I think anytime you go down and you're kind of removed from the spotlight a little bit, it really puts you in a humbling state," Dissly said. "I really tried to self-reflect, kind of figure out what got me here. That's work ethic, that's my family. Dedication to the game, love for game. That's just something

you don't lose."

Dissly is part of a position group that is vital to the success of Seattle's offense. With the Seahawks returning to a run-first mentality a year ago, the need for tight ends that can block on the edge became even more important. It's why drafting Dissly was critical — he was arguably the best blocking tight end in last year's draft.

When Dissly went down, Seattle had to adjust. Ed Dickson and Nick Vannett were solid at the position, but the Seahawks regularly turned to using offensive tackle George Fant as a sixth lineman lined up at tight end. Seattle still intends to use Fant in that role, but Dissly's return would be a boost.

"There's a lot of really good pieces there. I don't know if it's going to be one guy, I think it could be a little more by committee," offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer said. "You got George Fant there, you got (Dissly) coming back, Nick Vannett scored a lot of touchdowns for us, Ed Dickson, that veteran leadership that he brings is awesome. It's a really good group, so again we think that's its very flexible."

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