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Mixed results for Astoria Bandits

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A group of local youth basketball players took to the streets of Portland recently to compete in the Rip City 3-on-3 Basketball tournament, held July 27-28 at the Moda Center.

The 11-year-old team of Mulu Starr-Hollow, Teagan Birdeno, Kanon Huber and Quin Gohr (the Astoria Bandits) made the trek to the big city and went undefeated during Saturday's action, earning the No. 1 overall seed heading into Sunday's single-elimination tournament.

The Bandits reached the finals and were defeated by a 12-year-old team from West Portland.

The Bandits hit the courts again last Saturday and Sunday in the 21st annual Salem Hoopla Tournament, the second-largest 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the nation (behind Spokane, Washington.).

Competing in Pool D of the boys' 11-and-under competitive division, the Bandits were 1-2 in



The Astoria Bandits, from left to right: Quin Gohr, Kanon Huber, Teagan Birdeno, Mulu Starr-Hollow.

pool play Saturday.

They lost their first two games, dropping a 25-19 decision to the Trident Warriors of Gladstone, followed by a 32-15 loss to the Bal-lerz (of Salem).

The Bandits closed pool play with a 35-13 win over CA2 Sports 6th of Corvallis.

Advancing to Sunday's bracket play, the PDX Ballers Blue team defeated the Bandits 34-18.

Auburn looms as Oregon opens fall camp

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon coach Mario Cristobal figures the Ducks have 19 days of traditional fall camp before they'll have to start preparing for Auburn.

Oregon's high-profile opener, a rematch of sorts of the 2011 national championship game, is set for Aug. 31 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

"Really, you gotta start preparing for your opponents 10 days out, right? So you're looking at 19 days to figure out your football team," Cristobal said. "You can't pound it out for 19 days either, so you've got to be really careful how you assess and evaluate this thing."

The players seemed just happy to get back on the practice field Friday.

"I would say that we're more focused on the 19 days of fall camp," senior quarterback Justin Herbert said. "We've got a lot to correct and a lot of time

before then, and we're going to do our best to get ready and do everything we can to get this team ready for the season."

Oregon was a narrow pick to win the Pac-12 North in the annual pre-season media poll after finishing one point ahead of rival Washington. The Ducks also received 11 votes to win the Pac-12 title game. Utah was picked to finish atop the league.

While there was speculation Herbert might leave Oregon early to declare for the NFL draft, he announced his intention to return shortly before the team's bowl victory over Michigan State. Oregon finished 9-4 and Herbert threw for 3,515 yards with 29 touchdowns and just eight interceptions.

He has 63 career TD passes, ranking him fifth among active quarterbacks heading into the 2019 season.

Asked what he thought was an area for improve-

ment, Herbert said "consistency."

"I think at times we played pretty good football last year. The first half of the year we were moving the football really well, then kind of fell off in the later part of the year," he said. "I'd say putting together a full season would be huge."

Herbert will be joined this year by his younger brother Patrick, a tight end who was among nearly a dozen early enrollees for the Ducks who took part in spring practice.

Cristobal had nothing but praise for the younger Herbert, joking that it's a good thing Justin Herbert is a senior or he might be playing in his brother's shadow. He called the freshman from Eugene "extremely smart and a hard worker."

"Expecting great things from Patrick, and we really think he's in the mix to play this year," Cristobal said.

The Herberts aren't the only talented brothers on the team. Senior linebacker Troy Dye, who like Herbert decided to remain at Ore-

gon for his senior year, is joined by younger brother Travis, a running back.

The younger Dye had 739 rushing yards and four touchdowns as a freshman last season, including three 100-yard games in conference play. He partnered with CJ Verdell (1,018 yards, 10 touchdowns) for a formidable Oregon backfield that returns this season.

Hall induction featured defensive backs, Gonzalez

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — What a defensive backfield in gold jackets: Ed Reed, Ty Law and Champ Bailey.

And what a challenge they had throughout their careers, trying to cover fellow inductee Tony Gonzalez.

All four entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night.

"Fitting to be in here with Mr. Johnny Robinson and Champ and Ty," Reed said. "My DBs know it was always about us."

Sort of. But Gonzalez, like Bailey elected in his first eligible year, showed how pro football could be all about the tight end.

A six-time All-Pro, Gonzalez helped revolutionize the position, lining up in traditional tight end spots as well as flanked out or in the backfield — pretty much everywhere on the field. Then he beat many of those defensive backs everywhere on the field in 12 seasons with Kansas City and five with Atlanta. He stands second in recep-tions with 1,325 only to Jerry Rice.

Law became the first inductee from New England's standout defense that won three Super Bowls in the early 2000s. One of the most versatile and physical corner-backs the NFL has seen, Law was selected for five

Pro Bowl teams and was a two-time All-Pro. He finished with 53 career interceptions, twice leading the NFL in that category, had more than 800 tackles, 169 passes defended, five sacks, and scored seven times.

Reed was just as big a playmaker for Baltimore, a safety who fellow enshrinee Ray Lewis called "a gift" to the Ravens and himself. He was elected in his first year of eligibility, just as Lewis was last year, and called for unity in America, setting a standard like a team's — each pushing one another toward an achievement.

Reed, a five-time All-Pro safety and member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, was the 2004 Defensive Player of the Year and made nine Pro Bowls. He had 64 career interceptions, seventh overall.

Bailey played for Wash-ington and Denver in his 15-year career, and was a force in each of those seasons. He intercepted 54 passes, including one against New England he returned for 100 yards in the 2005 divisional playoffs.

A 12-time Pro Bowler, a record for the position, and three-time All-Pro who made the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s, Bailey was the seventh overall draft pick by the Redskins in 1999. He was dealt to Denver in 2004 for running back Clinton Portis in a steal for the Broncos.

Going to the Dogs!

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Welcome to

the Astorian's

National Dog Day Photo Contest!

Grab your collars and your cameras, **National Dog Day is Aug. 26** and we are on the prowl for the bestest, cutest, snuggliest pups on the coast.

According to www.nationaldogday.com, the day celebrates all dogs, mixed breed and purebred, and works to promote the many dogs that need to be rescued.

In 2016, we fetched 103 photos; in 2017 we romped home with 207 shots of more than 230 critters. Last year we had more than 180 photos.

Submit your photo(s) before midnight Sunday, Aug. 12 here:
<http://bit.ly/Vote2019DogDays>

Then, come back and visit the pooches all that next week and vote on your favorite **before midnight Saturday, Aug 17**. Vote once a day.

The top vote-getters will be featured in the annual **Going to the Dogs section on Saturday, Aug. 24**.

Share with your friends and family: **#Going2TheDogsNW**

Now, who's a good boy? Who's a good girl?

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