

# EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

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## Sports shorts

### Oregon pursues EWU quarterback

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — Eastern Washington's record-setting quarterback Vernon Adams Jr. says he has received a scholarship offer from Oregon and will visit the school this weekend.

Adams told *The Spokesman-Review* he visit Eugene this weekend.

The strong-armed Adams, who will be a senior next season, owns nearly every major passing record at Eastern Washington and would be seeking to replace Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota.

Dave Williford, a spokesman for the Oregon football team, says he cannot comment on any potential player transfers.

Adams was the most valuable player in the Big Sky Conference last season, and threw seven touchdown passes in a 59-52 loss at Washington.

### NFL players who started young show more problems

BOSTON (AP) — NFL veterans who started playing tackle football before the age of 12 are more likely to have cognitive difficulties after their careers, according to a study published on Wednesday in the journal *Neurology*.

Researchers tested 42 former players on their short-term memory, mental flexibility and problem solving and found those who picked up the sport before they were 12 years old functioned about 20 percent worse. Both groups scored below average on many of the tests, according to Robert Stern of the Boston University School of Medicine.

### Lynch's new answer: 'You know why I'm here'

PHOENIX (AP) — A day after giving the same one-sentence response at Super Bowl Media Day, Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch had another scripted answer to any questions.

Lynch said "you know why I'm here" to every question except one. He stayed for five minutes. He came out to a podium instead of his original assigned spot on Wednesday.

When he was asked what music he'll listen to pregame before the Super Bowl, he said "new song. Marshawn. You know why I'm here."

"I'm just going to let the cat of the bag, every team does it, every game, it has been since I played."

— Jeff Blake

Former NFL QB on deflating footballs to make them easier to grip. Blake played for seven teams over 13 seasons.

#### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1950** — In an Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters, Jack Dempsey is voted the greatest fighter of the past 50 years. Dempsey received 251 votes to 104 for Joe Louis.

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## PENDLETON

# T-Wolves let one slip

BMCC's Savannah Heugly puts up a shot guarded by Columbia Basin's Sydney Mercer in the Timberwolves 79-77 loss to the Hawks on Wednesday in Pendleton

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



## Heugly's career night spoiled by CBC rally

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

With the game clock ticking below 10 seconds in a tied game, Columbia Basin's Marissa Caballero saw the opening she was looking for. With a quick juke to her left, Caballero drove past her defender and dribbled through open court for the go-ahead lay-in.

After leading for double digits for most of the game, the Blue Mountain Timberwolves were unable to cleanly inbound the ball and watched their upset opportunity slip

Columbia Basin 79  
Blue Mountain 77

away in a 79-77 loss to the East Region-leading Hawks on Wednesday at Mosby Court.

Following Caballero's basket, first-year BMCC head coach Adam Driver called a timeout to set up the crucial inbound pass with 6.5 seconds remaining. He could tell right away the Hawks' 19-4 run over the

last seven minutes had taken its toll. "We led the whole way until then and looking in their eyes it looked like it was over, but there's still six seconds left on the clock," he said. "This is the most resilient team that I've been around and I really don't know what caused it."

Needing to go the length of the floor to tie, the T-Wolves wouldn't even gain possession as Morgan Grier stepped in front of the pass and was immediately fouled with 3.5 seconds left. She missed her bonus shot, but with 1.3 seconds to

See T-WOLVES/2B

## Hawks rise over Blue Mountain

BMCC men throw away golden opportunity

Columbia Basin 82  
Blue Mountain 77

tain Community College.

Just like numerous possessions fizzled into Timberwolves turnovers Wednesday, another opportunity to climb the NWAC East Region standings dissipated on the hardwood for last place Blue Moun-

Saddled by giveaways all night, the Timberwolves most crucial turnover came with a 56 seconds remaining trailing division-leading Columbia Basin by two points. Following a timeout, Luke Meyers and Coleman McElroy botched a handoff, the ball squirted out and

after a scrum for possession on the floor, CBC's Brandon Oswalt came up with it. Meyers was called for a foul, Oswalt sank two free throws and the Hawks held off the Timberwolves 82-77 extending their win streak to four games.

"That killed us," BMCC coach Adam Ellis said. "We just didn't do a very good job of taking care of the ball."

The final figure was 21 turnovers for BMCC (5-13, 1-5). Columbia Basin (12-8, 5-1) made the most of

See BMCC MEN/2B

## NBA

# Irving erupts to sink Blazers

Star guard has career night in LeBron's absence

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving scored a career-high 55 points, breaking the arena record while LeBron James watched from the bench and leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to their eighth straight win, 99-94 over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Irving took over with James sidelined with a sprained right wrist. He buried a 3-pointer with 6.4 seconds left to break a 94-94 tie, grabbed a rebound off a missed 3-pointer by Portland's Damian Lillard, and as many in the crowd chanted "M-V-P" and James danced near the bench, Irving dropped two free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining to seal the win.

Irving broke the previous scoring record at Quicken See BLAZERS/3B

Cleveland 99

Portland 94

## Pac-12 Basketball Wildcats rout Ducks

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona's offense flowed, the floor spacing and crisp passing leading to open shots, most of those finding the bottom of the net.

The defense attacked every shot, every dribble, leaving the Pac-12's highest-scoring team floundering.

When the Wildcats play like this, not many teams in the country are going to beat them.

Playing with a tenacity Oregon had no chance of matching, No. 6 Arizona put on an offensive show and was equally effective on the defensive end in a 90-56 rout

#6 Arizona 90

Oregon 56

See PAC-12/3B

## ATHENA

# TigerScot harriers to be honored

Weston-McEwen adds to Hall of Fame

East Oregonian

Members of the 1994 Weston-McEwen girls cross country team will return to the spotlight Friday as part of the latest Weston-McEwen High School Hall of Fame induction class.

The school's most acclaimed batch of distance runners will be recognized with other inductees following the TigerScots girls basketball game against Stanfield, which tips off at 6 p.m. at Weston-McEwen High School.

The 1994 team captured a District 5-2A/1A title before snagging a podium spot at the Class 2A/1A state meet. The Ti-

gerScots took third behind Regis and Pacific — the best ever result at a state meet for the school.

Lori Monaco, a sophomore in 1994, paced WMHS with a second-place state finish in a time of 20 minutes, 37 seconds. Misty Krey also finished in the Top 10, arriving in seventh, a minute off Monaco's finishing time. Bethany Hansell (22), Aleah Cooper (23), Shawn Cossitt (49) and Liza Miller (56) also competed in the state meet held at Lane Community College in Eugene Oregon on Nov. 5, 1994.

A week prior at the district meet, the TigerScots swept the podium taking its second consecutive team title, with runners taking Monaco, Krey, Cooper and Hansell taking first, second, third and fourth place. Hansell dashed past a runner in the final

See TIGERSCOTS/2B



Weston-McEwen's Lori Monaco leads teammates Misty Krey and Aleah Cooley on her way to a second-straight district cross country championship on Oct. 29, 1994. The 1994 cross country team will be inducted to the Weston-McEwen High School Hall of Fame on Friday along with the 2015 class.

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