

Sports shorts

Orange self-impose
postseason ban

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Syracuse University announced Wednesday that it has instituted a self-imposed postseason ban for the current men’s basketball season as part of its case pending before the NCAA Committee on Infractions. The school initiated the case, which includes academics, when it self-reported potential athletic department violations to the NCAA in 2007. School officials said Wednesday none of the conduct occurred after 2012 and no current student-athlete is involved. The ban also includes the ACC tournament.

Chancellor played
Super Bowl with
torn MCL

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Seattle Seahawks strong safety Kam Chancellor played in the Super Bowl with a torn medial collateral ligament in his left knee, according to the team’s website.

In a story on Seahawks.com posted Wednesday, Chancellor said two days before the loss to New England he was told he wasn’t going to play. Chancellor collided knees with a teammate in practice the Friday before the game and suffered a deep bone bruise. During the examination, the torn MCL was revealed, Chancellor said in the story. Chancellor was briefly in the Seahawks locker room on Tuesday during locker cleanout, but a team employee said he would not be speaking to the media. Chancellor had 10 tackles and was in for every defensive play of the game despite the injury.

“I think the criticism they’ve gotten for the game is totally out of line and by a lot of people who I don’t think are anywhere near even qualified to be commenting on it.”

— Bill Belichick
New England Patriots coach defending Seattle’s decision to call a pass on second-and-goal from the 1-yard line with 26 seconds left in Super Bowl XLIX. The pass was intercepted by New England’s Malcolm Butler to preserve a 28-24 Patriots win.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1936 — Jay Berwanger, University of Chicago half-back and Heisman Trophy winner, is the first player ever selected in the NFL Draft. The Philadelphia Eagles make the pick and eventually trade his rights to the Chicago Bears.
1997 — Scotty Bowman becomes the first NHL coach to win 1,000 games as Detroit beats Pittsburgh 6-5 on Brendan Shanahan’s overtime goal. Bowman, the coach of six Stanley Cup champion teams, is 1,000-452-255 in regular-season games and 162-101 in the playoffs.
2014 — Memphis sets an NBA record with only one free throw attempt while winning on the road with a 79-76 victory over Atlanta.

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Prep Football

Locals selected for Shrine All-Star Game

East Oregonian

Two locals were selected for the 63rd Annual East West Shrine All-Star Football Game when roster for the East Team was announced on Wednesday. Heppner offensive/defensive lineman John Propheter and Mac-Hi tight end/defensive end Jacob

Podolski were among the initial 30 picks to represent the eastern half of the state in the 4A-1A senior all-star game. Heppner wide receiver/defensive back Jesse Corbin and Weston-McEwen offensive/defensive lineman Levi Papineau were



named as alternates. The East West Shrine Game will be played on Aug. 1, 2015, in Baker City with proceeds benefiting Portland Shriners Hospital for Children. Athletes train for a week at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande and visit the hospital

before playing the game. The East roster features a loaded backfield that includes Ontario RB Ben Turner, Mazama RB Joey Lancaster, Phoenix QB Tristan Hay, Vale RB Andrew Weber, Burns QB Austin Feist, Dufur RB Nick Little and Adrian RB Chase Walker. The West roster will be announced at a later date.

PENDLETON



Pendleton’s Tristan Holcomb wrestles Baker’s Logan Valentine in the 126-pound match Wednesday night in a non-conference wrestling dual at Pendleton’s Warberg Court. Holcomb won the match.

Buckaroos limp to home win

Injury riddled
Pendleton takes
dual over Baker

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

For the three seniors who took to the home mat for the final time Wednesday, the 30-minute dual against Baker might have been an

appropriate homage of how quickly time passes if not for the reason for the night’s abbreviated action. With six Buckaroo wrestlers’ seasons shelved due to injury, the Buckaroos and Bulldogs only contested seven matches — each side forfeiting three and double forfeiting another — as Pendleton would go on to take the dual 49-36 at Warberg Court. The injuries have come swiftly. Pendleton lost three athletes in a 20-minute span at the Reser’s

Tournament of Champions two weeks ago, two more at the Oregon Wrestling Classic the weekend before. All and all, six Bucks are done competing this winter. Just 15 of the team’s 25 varsity and junior varsity members are currently able to practice. “People just keep getting injured,” said senior Tristan Holcomb, who opened the night with a first round pin at 126 pounds. “It kind of sucks.” The Buckaroos were able to

make due Wednesday. All three available seniors won their matches — Pendleton won 5 of 7 overall. However, the roster turnover greatly impacts the team’s outlook going forward, namely at tonight’s War on 84 dual in Hermiston. “We’re keeping the best light on things for the kids and focusing on the end of the year for regionals and state,” Pendleton coach Fred Phillips said. “We know what we’ve got

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College Basketball

Young passes 2,000 in Oregon win

Albany Democrat-Herald

EUGENE — Joseph Young has put the Ducks on his back with no hesitation. The squad’s leader in points, assists and minutes played, Young has done it all for the Oregon men’s basketball team. So when the Ducks needed a bucket in the closing seconds of Wednesday’s game against Washington, it’s no surprise Young was there to deliver. With the shot clock running down, Young drove into the paint and hit the game-winning floater to put the Ducks up 76-74 with 23.8 seconds to play. Jalil Abdul-Bassit’s steal on the other end sealed a 78-74 Pac-12 Conference win for Oregon in front of a crowd of 5,866 at Matthew Knight Arena. It was a big victory for the Ducks (16-7, 6-4), who began the day tied with Oregon State and UCLA for fourth in



Oregon’s Joseph Young, right, shoots a 3-point shot over Washington’s Mike Anderson, left, and Shawn Kemp Jr., right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Eugene on Wednesday.

the Pac-12 standings. Washington (14-8, 3-7), now losers of four straight, finds itself alone in 11th place. “Elgin (Cook) set the last screen, and that just really opened the drive for me to make the play,” Young said of his game-winner. “The screen gets me open, and

coach wants me to make a play from there. And once I’m wide open, he said either knock it down or find the roller.” Young’s game-high 32 points give the senior guard 2,002 for his college career. His 2,000th point was a long

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College Football

Waller official;
Ducks wait on Adams

Associated Press

The Oregon Ducks added an intriguing prospect at quarterback on national signing day, while still waiting on Vernon Adams to decide whether he stays at Eastern Washington or heads to Eugene. Travis Waller made it official Wednesday, although he announced his decision back in December. He’s planning to be in school in time for spring football at Oregon, joining five other early enrollees. Waller, a 6-foot-3, 185-pound dual-threat, is

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Andersen’s scramble
yields Beavers prospects

Associated Press

From the moment he was named head coach at Oregon State, Gary Andersen was scrambling on the recruiting trail. Andersen came to the Beavers in mid-December after two seasons at Wisconsin. He replaced longtime Beavers coach Mike Riley, who unexpectedly moved on to the top job at Nebraska. The new Oregon State coach has a daunting task ahead of him. Not only must Andersen prepare a quarterback to take over for Sean Mannion, he’s got to right a team that finished 5-7 overall

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