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Mayweather-Pacquiao bout clears another hurdle

(AP) — HBO and Showtime have agreed on how they would broadcast a fight between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao, promoter Bob Arum said Thursday, leaving only two remaining issues to be settled before the much anticipated May 2 fight can be signed.

Arum told The Associated Press that the rival networks have come to terms on an announcing team and other details for the pay-per-view blockbuster, and that talks this week have narrowed the remaining differences between the Mayweather and Pacquiao camps.

Seattle's Thomas will need surgery

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Seahawks All-Pro free safety Earl Thomas played the Super Bowl with a torn labrum in his left shoulder and will need offseason surgery to repair the injury.

Thomas suffered a dislocated shoulder in the first half of the NFC championship game. He returned to play the second half and played in last Sunday's Super Bowl against New England wearing a brace to protect the shoulder. Thomas was in for every defensive play of the 28-24 loss.

On Monday, Seattle coach Pete Carroll said Thomas might need surgery.

Woods withdraws during first round

SAN DIEGO (AP) — In an ominous start to his season, Tiger Woods walked off the course after 11 holes Thursday at the Farmers Insurance Open because of tightness in his lower back that he attributed to a fog delay.

Woods began reaching for his lower back midway through the round on the North Course at Torrey Pines, and his grimace became more pronounced. Billy Horschel picked up the tee for Woods on their 10th hole and took the ball out of the cup for him when Woods made birdie.

Woods hit a safe shot to the middle of the par-3 third green. When it was his turn, he had caddie Joe LaCava pick up his ball marker and he waited for Horschel and Rickie Fowler to finish before getting into a cart and driving to his car.

"My son sure does know how to make an entrance! 2/5/15... Is it a coincidence or is he just that clever?! Either way I'm ecstatic."

— **Richard Sherman**
Seattle Seahawks CB on Twitter after the birth of his first child on Thursday. Sherman wears No. 25 for Seattle.

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1970 — The NBA expands to 18 teams with the addition of franchises in Buffalo, Cleveland, Houston and Portland.

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WAR ON 84



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's C.J. Hendon trips up Pendleton's Brendon Bedolla in the Bulldogs' 67-12 win against the Bucks on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Bulldogs unsatisfied with win

Hermiston wins big over depleted Pendleton squad

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Well before the Hermiston wrestlers lifted a triumphant Jesse Rodelo onto their shoulders, the scoreboard on The Dawghouse wall had determined a lopsided Bulldog win in the War on 84.

Rodelo had just pinned Pendleton 220-pounder Jeff Priester in the night's last bout, and the Buckaroos' fourth forfeit followed to bring the final score to 67-12.



But for those watching closely, said Hermiston coach Shaun Williams, it was a much tighter dual than the scoreboard indicated.

"It's easy to get carried away

with what's on the scoreboard but you've got to pay attention to what's actually going on on the mat, and so I think we've got some work to do," Williams said.

With Pendleton spotting the Bulldogs 32 points via four forfeits, a Hermiston win was the expected outcome. But Williams said an injury-riddled Bucks roster gave his team more trouble than he'd anticipated, even without three-time state champion Sam Colbray (illness) in the lineup.

"It's similar to the lineup that we had at the Oregon Classic and I thought that lineup was good enough to actually win the Classic," Williams said. "We've got a lot of illness going around ... but you've always got to put your best lineup on the mat no matter what and that's what we did tonight."

Wrestling	
 Hermiston	 Pendleton
67	12

Several bouts could have gone either way, starting with the first of the night at 126 pounds.

Hermiston junior Andy Wagner took a 3-2 lead into the third period and made it hold up to beat Pendleton senior Tristan Holcomb. Holcomb scored first with a take-down as the first period wound to a close, but Wagner tied it up at 2-2 with a reversal just before the buzzer. Wagner elected to start in the bottom position in Round 2, and after 39 seconds of maneuvering was able to escape for the last points of the bout.

"Last year we met at the Reser's Tournament and it was a real close match, too," Wagner said. "It was like 7-8 or 6-8, we're always pretty close. I just stayed in good position and kept him under control, and got the escapes and reversals when I needed them."

"Andy is actually sick, but there's a couple of times we should have scored that we didn't score — it doesn't matter if you're sick or not," said Williams. "It's encouraging to see him winning matches like that because if you can win matches when you feel like that, now we're on the right track. But at the same time for us to win a state title as a team, we need those bonus points."

While Wagner and Holcomb could be destined for different weight classes at districts, another of the night's closest matches is likely to play out again at the Special District 4 tournament in Hood River next weekend.

Hermiston's Bob Coleman seemed to put his football skills to good use in a 7-5 overtime win over the Bucks' Terrell Platt in the 170-pound bout.

With 21 seconds left in the sudden-death period, both wrestlers

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UMATILLA

Familiar result for Vikings

Vale beats Umatilla for second time in a week

By SAM BARBEE
EO Media Group

For the first time all season the Umatilla Vikings are forced to look a losing streak directly in the face.

The ninth-ranked Vikings suffered their second loss in five days to defending Class 3A champion Vale Thursday, the latest, a 43-35 shortcoming at The Pit.

Another poor shooting night from the Viks (16-5, 5-2 EOL) and a big first quarter from Vale doomed Umatilla.

With the loss, Umatilla trails Vale (18-1, 6-0) by two games in the Eastern Oregon League and is still up on Nyssa by two games.

Umatilla trailed 41-30 with just 1:38 on the clock and cut the lead to as few as six in the final minute, but couldn't get any closer than that.



"Too little too late," Umatilla head coach Scott Bow said. "We just didn't have enough left in the tank. That's a big gap to close."

Aleesha Watson led the Viks in scoring with nine points and Iri Campos added



Sam Barbee photo

Umatilla's Aleesha Watson (20) and Vale's Kami Hawkins (2) watch a loose ball bounce out of bounds during the first half of Vale's 43-35 win over Umatilla on Thursday at The Pit.

Girls Hoops	
 #2 Vale	 #9 Umatilla
43	35

ed eight. Watson made just 1-6 from deep in another rough night from the floor.

"(We) just gotta get her more opportunities," Bow said of the sophomore's rough patch. "We tried to get her a bunch of opportunities (Thursday), but (Vale's) defense adjusted really well and denied her most of the game. I think as a team we need to do a better job of finding ways to get her open."

For Vale, Kami Kawkins paced the visiting Vi-

king with 15 points and made three 3-pointers in the first quarter. In that period, Vale jumped to a quick 16-4 lead. Hawkins and Madison Johnson each hit threes to open up the big cushion.

Bow said it wasn't like his defense was out of position, Vale just made tough, contested shots.

"I told the girls, 'Hey, when they get hot like that we just need to sit through it,'" Bow said. "Our defense was where it was supposed to be. There's no adjustments we can do. And they're not going to stay that hot."

Umatilla never adjusted, staying with its aggressive

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NBA

Aldridge, Blazers blow out the Suns

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — LaMarcus Aldridge had 19 points and 13 rebounds for his team-record 220th double-double, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Phoenix Suns 108-87 on Thursday night.

Nicolas Batum scored 20 points and Robin Lopez, playing his second game after missing 23 with a broken right hand, had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Blazers,

who won their second straight after a three-game skid.

Markieff Morris had 18 points for the Suns, who dropped their third in a row. Phoenix climbed back into the game in the third period after trailing by 19 in the first half, but ultimately the Blazers thwarted the rally with a dominant fourth quarter.

Portland opened the fourth with a 9-2 run to go 75-67. Batum's

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 Portland
108

 Phoenix
87



AP Photo/Don Ryan

Portland Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge blocks a shot by Phoenix Suns center Miles Plumlee during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland on Thursday.