

Sports shorts

PHS swimmers break records

PENDLETON — Two school records fell during the Pendleton Buckaroos fifth-place finish at the 5A boys swimming state championships over the weekend.

Sophomore Jon Jennings broke the PHS 100-yards backstroke record in a time of 57.31 seconds, placing fifth.

He also swam with the record-breaking 200-yard medley relay team that finished fourth in 1:44.94. Other members of that team were seniors Nate Rickman and Layton Kirsch, and junior Dylan Clemons.

Hope Solo regrets ‘horrible choice’

(AP) — U.S. women’s national team goalkeeper Hope Solo tells ABC News it was a “horrible choice” last month when her husband, former Seattle Seahawks player Jerramy Stevens, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in a team van.

Solo, in training camp with the national team at the time, was with Stevens when he was pulled over. She was suspended by U.S. Soccer for 30 days and was reinstated on Saturday.

Solo spoke to ABC in an interview to be broadcast on Wednesday.

In excerpts published in advance of the interview, Solo said: “Well, clearly, I wasn’t thinking. I mean, it was a horrible choice.”

Solo also addressed the January dismissal of domestic violence assault charges against her, stemming from a confrontation with her half-sister and nephew at a party last June.



Solo

“It was my worst year as an owner. I had 14 good years and then I had an absolutely crappy year.”

— Steve Bisciotti

Baltimore Ravens owner on the 2014 season. Although the Ravens reached the AFC Divisional round of the playoffs, the season was marred by the Ray Rice scandal and how they handled it.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1940 — The first telecast of an American hockey game is transmitted over station W2XBS in New York. The viewing audience watches the New York Rangers play the Montreal Canadiens at Madison Square Garden.

1987 — The Southern Methodist football team is suspended for the 1987 season after investigations reveal that players received \$61,000 from a booster slush fund.

1994 — Oksana Baiul of Ukraine wins the figure skating gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. Nancy Kerrigan, who was whacked on the knee 2 months earlier, wins the silver. Tonya Harding, later convicted of hindering prosecution in the Kerrigan attack, finishes eighth.

2001 — In the largest play-off in PGA Tour history, Rert Allenby wins the Nissan Open on the first extra hole against five other players. It’s Allenby’s third PGA Tour victory, all of them won in playoffs.

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WAR ON 84

Hermiston slips past Pendleton



Pendleton’s Darian Lindsey looks to get rid of the ball as Hermiston’s Abi Drotzmann (12) and Maddy Juul go for the steal in the Bulldogs’ 53-44 win against the Bucks on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Edmiston sparks Bulldogs offense in first half

By SAM BARBEE
EO Media Group

Early on in the final girls installment of the War on 84, Hermiston couldn’t shake the pesky Buckaroos of Pendleton. The ninth-ranked Bucks matched Hermiston score-for-score in the first quarter and had a chance to either come within a point or tie things up in the final ten seconds.

Hermiston junior Jansen Edmiston wasn’t having any of that, however. The point guard picked off a forced Pendleton pass and laid it up at the buzzer to give Hermiston a five-point lead to end the first quarter, providing the Bull-

dogs with a spark they carried to a 53-44 win and Columbia River Conference title Tuesday in Pendleton.

“If we’re just in their heads and just get the ball on defense, obviously it’s going to convert into offense,” Edmiston said after the game. “It was just natural.”

Edmiston led Hermiston (21-3, 9-0) with 15 points, and Kynzee Padilla scored 11 for the Bulldogs. Kristin Williams netted 15 for Pendleton (15-9, 5-4) and Kiana Sperl had nine points and 15 rebounds.

None were bigger, though, than Edmiston’s six in the second quarter.

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GIRLS HOOPS

Hermiston
53

Pendleton
44

Bucks complete sweep

PHS wraps up second league title in 21 years

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

In the weeks leading up to the season Pendleton coach Brian Broaddus brought out a ladder and pair of scissors and had his team practice cutting the nets from the baskets at Warberg Court.

He instructed the team to keep their fragments nearby. The idea was to hold the token as a concrete reminder of what they hoped to accomplish come February.

There was no suspense entering Tuesday’s CRC finale with Hermiston. The Buckaroos had already accomplished that goal and knew they would be cutting nets regardless of the game’s outcome.

Admittedly, such a net cutting ceremony would fall flat following a rivalry loss.

The Buckaroos didn’t let that happen.

Instead, the Bucking Chutes student section brought out the brooms and ceremoniously brushed the court following a 45-38 Pendleton victory which completed a three-game sweep of Hermiston and extended its win streak to seven games.

“We just believed that we could win league,” senior point guard Sonny Green said of the pre-season net cutting. “That was part of the believing.”

Broaddus reminded the Buckaroos (17-7, 7-2 CRC) after the game that another strand of net is still a possibility.

“I told them don’t be satisfied, let’s do this again,” he said. “We’re four games away. It’s a year where it’s open.”

See **BOYS HOOPS/2B**

BOYS HOOPS

Pendleton
45

Hermiston
38



Pendleton’s Wes Persinger draws contact from Hermiston’s Keegan Crafton as Caden Smith looks on in the Bucks’ 45-38 win against the Bulldogs’ on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

HERMISTON

Santoyo signs with Tabor football

Standout guard has chance to start early

By SAM BARBEE
EO Media Group

Luis Santoyo never thought about playing football in college. In fact, he hadn’t thought about college that much at all.

Then Hermiston High football coach Mark Hodges pulled the senior-to-be into his office before this year’s football season and said that if the guard worked hard and did everything he needed to, he could play at a small college somewhere.

“I just gave him a blank stare for about five minutes,” Santoyo said Tuesday. “I couldn’t imagine myself playing. At first, I only knew about the big colleges — Oregon, Oregon State, not small col-

leges, but once he talked to me about it, I was hooked on it.”

After a successful senior campaign that included Bulldog league and state titles and Santoyo being named first-team All-Columbia River Conference, he signed his National Letter of Intent Tuesday to play guard at NAIA Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, a short drive north of Wichita.

The whole process took about two weeks, Santoyo said. Hodges sent out game tapes and talked to coaches, and, shortly after, Tabor contacted Santoyo. He said the coach told him he saw early starting potential in the 6-foot, 240-pound offensive lineman.

“That’s what caught me,” Santoyo said. “I wanted to start early.”

Two weeks later, Santoyo’s decision was made. He would be a Tabor Bluejay.

Tabor competes in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Con-

ferece, and last year the football team went 7-4, missing the playoffs by one game. The Blue Jays employ a triple-option offense that relies on mobile guards to pull outside and deal with outside linebackers or defensive backs. That immediately caught Santoyo’s attention, as he enjoys playing in space but never got the opportunity in Hodges’ power-run/high-flying offense.

Santoyo watched a Georgia Tech game this season and saw how the Yellow Jackets ran their version of the triple option and where he could fit in. He said, if he wasn’t convinced before then, he was afterward.

“That’s what I always wanted to do,” he said.

Santoyo hasn’t been to Tabor yet but said he plans to visit in April. While there, he plans to major in accounting.

Hermiston’s Mark Hodges Jr. is a defensive back with the Bluejays.

College Basketball Mountaineers cruise in first round

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon women’s basketball team cruised in the second half of its Cascade Collegiate Conference first-round playoff game on Tuesday.

The Mountaineers led by 17 points with eight minutes to play and coasted the rest of the way for a 70-63 win over Concordia.

Madeline Laan led the top-seeded Mounties with 18 points and nine rebounds, and Kassy Larson added 16 points and seven boards.

Maloree Moss added 11 points for EOU, and Nikki Osborne chipped in seven points, seven assists.

The Mounties dominated play inside and scored 42 points in the paint.

Sierra Dean led eighth seed Concordia with 24 points and Briannah Smith added 18.

The Mountaineers host sixth seed Northwest Christian in the semifinals on Friday at 7 p.m.

Northwest Christian upset third seed Corban 66-53 on Tuesday.

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Eastern Ore.
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Concordia
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