

NFL



In this Jan. 28 photo, Seattle Seahawks' Marshawn Lynch gestures at a news conference for Super Bowl XLIX in Phoenix.

Lynch signs 2-year-deal to return to ‘Hawks

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — “Beast Mode” is getting paid. Marshawn Lynch is receiving a hefty raise for at least one more season in the Seattle Seahawks backfield. Lynch signed a two-year extension with the Seahawks on Friday that keeps him under contract with Seattle through the 2017 season, but more importantly includes a massive raise for the 2015 season. Lynch’s restructured deal will pay him \$12 million for 2015, according to his agent Doug Hendrickson. Lynch agreed to his new deal Friday after meeting with Seahawks officials. Hendrickson said the deal includes an additional \$24 million for the 2016 and 2017 seasons should Lynch continue his career into his 30s. He is coming off arguably the best season of his career. He scored a career-high 17 total touchdowns, including 13 rushing. He rushed for 1,306 yards in the regular season and added another 318 yards in three postseason games. Lynch had 102 yards rushing and a touchdown in the Super Bowl. At the NFL combine last month in Indianapolis, Seattle coach Pete Carroll acknowledged having made a significant offer to Lynch for 2015. Lynch was scheduled to make \$7 million for the 2015 season. “We have been in earnest a great deal of time now negotiating to get Marshawn back with us in every way that we can,” Carroll said at the combine. “It’s been an ongoing, long process and we have had big offers out and we continue to work with that. We are excited about the future.” The biggest lingering question was whether Lynch would return at age 29 or if

he was done playing football. Lynch’s returned was complicated by the decision on Seattle’s final offensive play of the Super Bowl against New England — a pass instead of asking Lynch to try and score from the 1 — and if there was any lingering effect. Russell Wilson’s pass was intercepted by Malcolm Butler and Seattle was denied a second straight title, leaving itself open to second-guessing for why Carroll and offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell chose not to give the ball to Lynch. During an interview with a television station in Turkey last week — where Lynch was taking part in an American Football Without Borders camp — Lynch said he was expecting to get the ball on Seattle’s final offensive play. He added he didn’t have a problem with the play call. Aside from the decision in the Super Bowl, it became progressively more difficult through last season to imagine the Seahawks without Lynch in their backfield. Lynch rushed for more than 100 yards five times and was the most consistent piece of the Seahawks’ offense that has won two straight NFC championships. He has rushed for at least 1,200 yards in each of his four full seasons with the Seahawks, and had at least 11 touchdowns rushing. In 75 regular-season games with Seattle, Lynch has rushed for 5,930 yards and 54 touchdowns. With Lynch secured for the 2015 season, running back no longer becomes a major need for Seattle. It will eventually need to find an heir to Lynch, but that position would no longer appear to be a priority.

Class 2A Girls semis

Pioneers, Hilanders reach final

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Top-seeded Western Mennonite proved its championship mettle in a 50-33 Class 2A semifinal win over Union at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Last year’s state runner-up trailed the fourth-seeded Bobcats by one at the half, but the fire came out in the second, beginning with a 14-to-5 point third quarter edge and culminating with an even more convincing fourth period.

“We have never really finished how we wanted to at this tournament,” said Pioneer senior Emma Gibb, who scored 14 points and grabbed 23 rebounds in the win. “We are ready to finish strong. This is our big group of seniors, and we’re all on board to do what we came here to do.”

Gibb fouled out of last year’s state final loss to Regis. Friday the Pioneers made their move when Gibb went to the bench with her fourth personal foul.

After an offensive charge sidelined the star leading 29-24 midway through the third, the Pioneers went on a 12-3 run to take a 41-27 edge in the fourth. The Bobcats never got the lead less than 10 from there.

Teammate Emma Loyd joined Gibb as a double-double performer. Loyd finished with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Union was held to just 10-of-52 field goal shooting in the loss.

Girls Hoops

W. Mennonite

50

Union

33



Western Mennonite’s Emma Gibb (14) gets ready to shoot during Friday’s semiifinal game against Union at the OSAA 2A Girls State Championships in Pendleton.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Western Mennonite will play No. 6 Burns Saturday at 6:30 p.m. for the state title at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Union will face Kennedy for third place at 1:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center.

BURNS 49, KENNEDY 44 (OT) — At Pendleton, Burns outlasted Kennedy in overtime to reach the Class 2A state final in the school’s first year in 2A after moving from 3A. Kennedy rallied from eight down in the fourth quarter to force extra time.

But, four minutes of added time were owned by the Hilanders. After Kenzie Ratliff opened the overtime scoring for Kennedy with a jumper, Burns scored nine of 11 points to earn the win and a spot in the state final.

The Hilanders were balanced offensively, four of five scorers tallied at least nine points in the win including Bailey Hanner’s team-best 12 points.

Catherine Clemens added 16 rebounds.

Lakin Susee had 19 points to lead Kennedy in the loss.

Class 2A Consolation

Feist’s heroics keep Hilanders ticking

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Austin Feist connected on four fourth quarter field goals and the No.8 Burns Hilanders held No. 4 Oakridge to one fourth quarter basket to pull away for a 50-38 consolation victory Friday morning at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Oakridge led by one after three quarters, but Feist’s offensive outpouring and the team’s 1-for-13 shooting in the final period allowed Burns entrance into this morning’s Class 2A 4th/6th place game. Oakridge’s season comes to an end.

Feist led all scorers with 24 points and snagged 13 rebounds in the win.

WESTERN MENNONITE 39, KNAPPA 26 — At Pendleton, the seventh-seeded Pioneers kept the state’s leading scorer in

check and did just enough offensively to survive and earn another game at the Class 2A basketball tournament.

The No. 6 Loggers Tyson Burnard entered Friday’s consolation game averaging 40 points his last three times out. Western Mennonite held him to just six points on 3-of-14 shooting — including a scoreless first half. Without the senior’s offensive production, Knappa was unable to keep pace with the Pioneers who led by as much as 21 during the game.

Jacobe DeJong led Western Mennonite with 10 points and 17 rebounds. Trevor Oyer had 11 to lead all scorers in the win.

Western Mennonite and Burns will play at 10:45 a.m. today at the Pendleton Convention Center. The winner will take fourth place in the state.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MONROE 43, MYRTLE POINT 34 — At Pendleton, Monroe used stifling late defense to force Myrtle Point to miss four-out-of-every-five shots second half shots, helping the Dragons win the loser-out game.

No. 8 Myrtle Point made just 4-of-21 shots in the second half — including just 1-of-8 from three as they tried to mount a comeback.

No. 5 Monroe was led offensively by the triumvirate of Madison Ballard, Kaitlyn Rictor and Kacie Wareden, who scored 13,12, and 13 points respectively. But it was that defense that allowed the team to extend a halftime lead that was just 28-23

Monroe will play Vernonia at 9 a.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center for

fourth place in state. Myrtle Point was eliminated from the tournament.

VERONIA 51, REGIS 41 — At Pendleton, Veronia bounced back from a difficult first round upset loss to defeat Regis and remain in the consolation bracket.

Julia Fletcher and Meghan Sullivan each scored 17 points to lead third-seeded Veronia. The team made 19-of-26 second half free throws to ice the win.

No. 10 Regis. put forward a balanced offensive attack. Monica Webb scored 11, the only Ram who finished in double figures.

Veronia will play Monroe at 9 a.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center for fourth place in state. Regis was eliminated from the tournament.

CONDON Eagles halt Knight title aspirations

East Oregonian

BAKER — Condon/Wheeler will not win its second consecutive state girls basketball title and sixth overall.

For the second time in three years, top-seeded Damascus Christian ousted the No. 5 Knights, this time in a 52-32 semifinal victory at Baker High on Friday at the Class 1A state basketball tournament.

The schools have faced off in the state play-offs each of the past three years. The Knights won last year’s meeting 57-52 to hang their fifth banner.

The Eagles defeated C/W in the 2013 state title game.

Damascus Christian put this year’s meeting away in the second quarter. The Eagles sank five 3-pointers in the second and outscored the Knights 25-9 in the period to enter the half leading by 16 points.

The hot perimeter shooting cooled in the second half, but by that point the margin was too great and the Knights lacked the firepower to make up the deficit.

Deana Harris led Condon/Wheeler with 15 points but did so on 6-of-20 shooting and just 2-of-13 accuracy from beyond the arc. Matney Jamieson grabbed 20 rebounds, but added just eight points after scoring 19 in Thursday’s quarterfinal win over Chiloquin.

Three Eagle players reached double-figures. Hannah Forrar and Ana Wakefield had 12 a piece and Isabella Crowley had 11. All three made at least one three-pointer in the crucial second quarter.

The Knights will play for a third place state finish this afternoon in Baker. They’ll face — at 1:30 p.m.

C/W	11	9	9	3	32
DC	11	25	8	8	52

CONDON/WHEELER — A. Terland 0, Deana Harris 15, E. Logan 2, A. Ramsey 0, M. Jamieson 8, A. Rietmann 6, J. Homer 1, A. Carine 0. DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN — Hannah Forrar 12, Ana Wakefield 12, A. Jones 6, S. Sullivan 6, I. Crowley 11, F. Richards 0, C. Mooney 0, S. Wood 0, S. Cross 5, R. Salmon 0. 3-point field goals — C/W 2, DC 6. Free throws — C/W 2-7, DC 8-13. Fouls — C/W 16, DC 10. Fouled out — E. Logan (C/W).

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday
Class 2A Championship
No. 1 Irrigon vs. No. 2 Toledo (Pendleton Convention Center), 8:30 p.m.
Class 2A Consolation
3rd/5th Place Game
No. 3 Heppner vs. No. 5 Regis (Pendleton Convention Center), 3:15 p.m.
4th/6th Place Game
No. 7 Western Mennonite vs. No. 8 Burns (Pendleton Convention Center), 10:45 a.m.
Class 1A Championship
No. 5 Nixyaawii vs. No. 2 Country Christian (Baker HS), 8:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saturday
Class 5A Opening Round
No. 1 Hermiston vs. No. 16 Crescent Valley (5A first round), 3 p.m.
No. 9 Pendleton vs. No. 8 Summit (5A first round), 12:30 p.m.
Class 2A Championship
No. 1 Western Mennonite vs. No. 6 Burns (Pendleton Convention Center), 6:30 p.m.
Class 2A Consolation
3rd/5th Place Game
No. 2 Kennedy vs. No. 4 Union (Pendleton Convention Center), 1:30 p.m.
4th/6th Place Game
No. 3 Vernonia vs. No. 5 Monroe (Pendleton Convention Center), 9 a.m.
Class 1A Consolation
3rd/5th Place Game
No. 4 Condon/Wheeler vs. No. 2 North Douglas (Baker HS), 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday
Blue Mountain vs. Lower Columbia (Toyota Center, Kennewick, WA), 2 p.m.
Sunday
Blue Mountain vs. TBD (Toyota Center, Kennewick, WA), TBD
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Wednesday
Walla Walla U. at Eastern Oregon (DH), 1 p.m.
Friday
Blue Mountain at Eastern Oregon (DH, scrimmage), TBD

Basketball

OSAA

Boys
Class 5A Round of 16
PENDLETON 63, Corvallis 57
MARIST CATHOLIC 51, Central 31
SUMMIT 58, Sandy 51
SPRINGFIELD 87, Crescent Valley 58
SILVERTON 44, La Salle Prep 37
WILSONVILLE 69, Dallas 35
MOUNTAIN VIEW 63, Parkrose 61
Churchill 47, LIBERTY 43
Class 4A Round of 16
SCAPPOOSE 38, Sisters 32
NORTH BEND / OREGON COAST TECHNOLOGICAL 60, Yamhill-Carlton 30
Madras 48, SUTHERLIN 43
North Marion 54, GLADSTONE 45
NORTH VALLEY 47, Seaside 40
PHILOMATH 54, Tillamook 52
Cascade 61, LA GRANDE 56
MARSHFIELD 48, Valley Catholic 37 (10:52pm 3/6/15)
Class 3A Semifinals
DAYTON 54, Salem Acad. 32
HORIZON CHRISTIAN-TUALATIN 43, Blanchet Catholic 29

Class 3A Consolation Games
CRESWELL 49, Amity 39
DE LA SALLE NORTH CATHOLIC 80, Nyssa 67
Class 2A Semifinals
IRRIGON 74, Regis 43
TOLEDO 49, Heppner 41
Class 2A Consolation Games
Burns 50, OAKRIDGE 38
Western Mennonite 39, KNAPPA 26
Class 1A Semifinals
Nixyaawii 65, HORIZON CHRISTIAN-HOOD RIVER 47
COUNTRY CHRISTIAN 72, Siletz Valley 48

Girls
Class 3A Semifinals
SALEM ACAD. 44, St. Mary’s-Medford 28
Dayton 45, VALE 42
Class 3A Consolation Games
AMITY 57, Rainier 46
PORTLAND ADVENTIST ACAD. 40, Portland Christian 30
Class 2A Semifinals
WESTERN MENNONITE 50, Union 33
Burns 49, KENNEDY 44 (OT)
Class 2A Consolation Games
MONROE 43, Myrtle Point 34
VERNONIA 51, Regis 41
Class 1A Semifinals
DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN 52, Condon / Wheeler 32
Country Christian 43, NORTH DOUGLAS 40
Class 1A Consolation Games
Adrian 44, CHILOQUIN 30
Elkton 40, MCKENZIE 24

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	24	.613	—
Boston	25	35	.417	12
Brooklyn	25	35	.417	12
Philadelphia	13	49	.210	25
New York	12	48	.200	25
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	49	12	.803	—
Washington	35	27	.565	14½
Charlotte	27	33	.450	21½
Miami	27	34	.443	22
Orlando	20	43	.317	30
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	39	24	.619	—
Cleveland	39	22	.645	½
Milwaukee	32	29	.525	6
Indiana	27	34	.443	11
Detroit	23	38	.377	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	44	17	.721	—
Houston	42	20	.677	2½
Dallas	40	24	.625	5½
San Antonio	38	23	.623	6
New Orleans	33	29	.532	11½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	41	19	.683	—
Oklahoma City	38	28	.548	8
Utah	25	36	.410	16½
Denver	22	40	.355	20
Minnesota	13	47	.217	28

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	48	12	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	40	22	.645	9
Phoenix	33	30	.524	16½
Sacramento	21	39	.350	27
L.A. Lakers	16	45	.262	32½

SCOREBOARD

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday’s Games
Utah 89, Philadelphia 83
Washington 99, Miami 97
Orlando 119, Sacramento 114
Indiana 98, Chicago 84
Charlotte 103, Toronto 94
Atlanta 106, Cleveland 97
Boston 104, New Orleans 98
Houston 103, Detroit 93
Memphis 97, L.A. Lakers 90
Phoenix 108, Brooklyn 100, OT
San Antonio 120, Denver 111
Golden State 104, Dallas 89
Saturday’s Games
Memphis at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 6 p.m.

Hockey

		NHL				
		EASTERN CONFERENCE				
		Atlantic Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Montreal	65	41	18	6	88	175
Tampa Bay	66	40	20	6	86	217
Detroit	63	36	16	11	83	184
Boston	63	31	22	10	72	168
Florida	65	28	23	14	70	159
Ottawa	63	28	23	11	69	179
Toronto	65	26	34	5	67	175
Buffalo	65	19	41	5	43	125

		Metropolitan Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
N.Y. Islanders	66	42	21	3	87	211
N.Y. Rangers	63	39	17	7	85	197
Pittsburgh	64	37	18	9	83	187
Washington	66	35	21	10	80	194
Philadelphia	65	25	25	12	68	173
New Jersey	65	27	28	10	64	168
Columbus	64	27	33	4	58	166
Carolina	63	24	32	7	55	145
Buffalo	65	19	41	5	43	125

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Buffalo at Washington, 4 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Nashville, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 7 p.m.

WHL

Friday’s results
Moose Jaw 3 Swift Current 2
Prince Albert 5 Brandon 2
Lethbridge 2 Saskatoon 1
Regina 6 Edmonton 4
Red Deer 2 Kootenay 1 (SO)
Kamloops 4 Spokane 2
Prince George 4 Victoria 3
Portland 7 Seattle 1
Everett 1 Tri-City 0
Kelowna 5 Vancouver 2
Saturday’s games
Lethbridge at Prince Albert, 3 p.m.
Saskatoon at Moose Jaw, 3 p.m.
Swift Current at Brandon, 3:30 p.m.
Regina at Red Deer, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Kootenay at Medicine Hat, 4:30 p.m.
Everett at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Victoria at Prince George, 5 p.m.
Tri-City at Portland, 5 p.m.
Spokane at Kelowna, 5:05 p.m.
Kamloops at Seattle, 5:05 p.m.

Baseball

Friday’s Games
Tampa Bay 2, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 4, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 5, Houston 2
Miami 5, Boston 3
Washington 9, Atlanta 8
Toronto 5, Baltimore 4
N.Y. Mets 5, Detroit 4
San Francisco 12, Texas 3
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Kansas City 11, Cleveland 9
San Diego 5, Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Dodgers (ss) 10, Milwaukee 1
L.A. Dodgers (ss) 7, Seattle 4
Oakland 7, Arizona 2
L.A. Angels 3, Colorado 0
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Yankees (ss) 1
Saturday’s Games
St. Louis vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
Detroit vs. Atlanta (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
Atlanta (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 10:10 a.m.
Seattle (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 12:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 12:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 12:05 n.m.