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## Sports shorts

### Eagles lure Murray away from rival

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — DeMarco Murray got the money he wanted from his former team's biggest rival.



The All-Pro running back agreed Thursday to a five-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles. Murray's deal was allegedly valued at \$42 million, with \$21 million guaranteed.

The Eagles also confirmed they had reached agreement on a three-year contract with former San Diego running back Ryan Mathews. The tandem joins Darren Sproles and Chris Polk in a crowded backfield.

Murray helped the Cowboys win the NFC East title last season while rushing for a franchise-record 1,845 yards.

### Judge denies request to strike gun testimony in Hernandez trial

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — The judge overseeing the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez has denied a defense request to strike testimony from an employee of firearms manufacturer Glock who said surveillance video showed Hernandez carrying a gun through his home less than 10 minutes after the killing.

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"I was a little nervous to come out here. In the beginning, I was like, 'What was I thinking?' I kind of had to overcome that hurdle."

### — Serena Williams

On ending a 14-year boycott of the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California, which begins play today. Williams, 33, began her boycott as a teenager after being booed on her way to the 2001 title.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1894 — J.L. Johnstone of England invents the starting gate for horse racing.

2010 — Oregon's Ashton Eaton breaks Dan O'Brien's 17-year-old world record in the indoor heptathlon. Eaton sets a mark of 6,499 points at the NCAA indoor track and field championships, passing O'Brien's record of 6,476.

2011 — Golden State ends Kevin Love's consecutive double-doubles streak at 53 games with a 100-77 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves. Love is limited to six points on 1-of-6 shooting, ending the NBA's longest such streak since Elvin Hayes had double-doubles in 55 consecutive games in 1973-74. Love had 12 rebounds.

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Pendleton's Darian Lindsey drives past Silverton's Brooke McCarty in the Bucks' 54-42 loss to the Foxes on Thursday in Corvallis.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



## PENDLETON

# Foxes bump Bucks

Pendleton eliminated from state bracket with loss to Silverton



By ERIK SKOPIK  
East Oregonian

CORVALLIS — Fifth-seeded Silverton used a second half scoring surge to bounce ninth-seeded Pendleton from its first state girls basketball tournament in a decade Thursday at Gill Coliseum.

The Buckaroos overcame a stagnant offensive start to catch the Foxes by halftime, but a Silverton counter-punch proved to be a knockout, leading the Foxes past Pendleton 54-42 in a consolation game at the Class 5A state tour-

nament. Silverton (19-8) junior Alia Parsons scored seven points during a five-minute span to catalyze a 15-1 run that ended the Buckaroos (17-11) chances for victory and a shot at would have been a school-best fourth-place state finish.

"I think they jumped on the opportunity when they were able to take it," said Pendleton senior Darian Lindsey, who scored 10 points in the loss. "We let them hit some threes and after that we kind of went downhill. We didn't push

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## HERMISTON

# Bulldogs repay Spartans

Hermiston advances to second state final in program history

By ERIK SKOPIK  
East Oregonian

CORVALLIS — The Hermiston Bulldogs were assessed top-billing entering postseason play.

Through two tournament games at Gill Coliseum they've yet to disappoint.

Thursday's 56-49 semifinal victory over No. 4 Corvallis sent the Bulldog players into leaping celebration and back to the state championship game for the second time in school history.

They'll play second-seeded La Salle Prep with a state title on the line tonight at 6:30 p.m. The Bulldogs (24-3) and Falcons (26-1) have saw-sawed back and forth all season as the state's top team. Hermiston claimed the honor for good with a 61-57 win over La Salle Prep on Jan. 16.

That victory had long been the feather in the Bulldogs' cap, but Thursday's triumph over Corvallis pulled "even," said Hermiston junior guard Sara Ramirez.

Corvallis ousted Hermiston from last year's semifinal game by 20 points in what was the team's largest loss over the past three seasons. Thursday's tournament rematch was almost as much of non-contest as the first. Hermiston led for the game's entirety and by as much as 14 points. The final margin was the closest the Spartans got in the second half.

"It was payback," Hermiston coach Steve Hoffert said. "They knocked us out last year and we felt we didn't play well. We wanted a shot at Corvallis and

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Hermiston's Jansen Edmiston fights for a rebound with Corvallis' Ana Dursch-Smith and Stephanie Vallancey-Martinson in the Bulldogs' 56-49 win against the Spartans on Thursday in Corvallis.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## College Basketball

# Ducks press on at Pac-12 Tournament

By JOHN MARSHALL  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Joseph Young scored 30 points, Elgin Cook added 20 and Oregon held on to beat Colorado 93-85 in the Pac-12 tournament quarterfinals Thursday night.

Second-seeded Oregon (24-8) broke out from a tight game with its pressure defense, creating a string of turnovers to build an 18-point second-half lead.

No. 10 seed Colorado (15-17) made a late charge, but the Ducks held on to earn a spot in Friday's semifinals against Utah or Stanford.

Jalil Abdul-Bassit added 15 points for Oregon, which scored 27 points off Colorado's 13 turnovers.

Young, the Pac-12 player of the year, also had seven rebounds and four assists.

Josh Scott had 16 points and Dominique Collier added 14 for the Buffaloes. Askia Booker had 12 points, five rebounds and five



Oregon's Elgin Cook, left, shoots over Colorado's Dustin Thomas in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 conference tournament Thursday in Las Vegas.

Among those wins was a 73-60 victory over Colorado on Feb. 18. The Buffaloes needed to win

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## PENDLETON

# Linke signs with EOU

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

Sierra Linke nearly gave up on volleyball following her senior season at Pasco High School.

But when four-year colleges passed on the 5-foot-9 outside hitter, Blue Mountain Community College coach Dave Baty persuaded her to join his squad, which was coming off its second championship in three seasons.

"Her hope was that she could go (to a four-year school) and get everything paid for and go for her degree there," Baty said. "It didn't quite work out that way, but if you long road this, she'll probably tell you her first two

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