

EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @EOSPORTS

1B

Sports shorts

Dream keep playoff hopes alive

ATLANTA (AP) — Angel McCoughtry scored 18, Tiffany Hayes added 17 and Sancho Lyttle finished with 16 points, 10 rebounds and six assists to help the Atlanta Dream keep their slim playoff hopes alive and beat the Washington Mystics 73-67 on Sunday.

Atlanta (13-18) trails the Mystics (16-15) by three games with three games remaining. The Dream holds the tie-breaker, leading the season series 3-0. The teams will play in Atlanta on Sept. 13 to conclude the regular season.

Shoni Schimmel added seven points, four rebounds and three assists for Atlanta. She was 2 for 8 from the field and 3 for 3 on free throws.

Murray ousted at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Murray watched a 130 mph ace zoom by to create a two-set deficit at the U.S. Open, and then sat in his changeover chair and cursed at himself, over and over and over.

A little later, Murray cracked his racket against the court once, breaking the frame, and went to the sideline and mangled his equipment even more, before meandering over to hand it to someone in the stands.

Often able to spur himself by letting out some anger, the two-time Grand Slam title winner only briefly managed to get into this match. The third-seeded Murray lost before the quarterfinals at a major for the first time since 2010, beaten 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (0) by 15th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Monday.

“We didn’t ‘kind of’ run ourselves out of it, we ran ourselves out of it. That is something that has plagued us, something we’ve talked about. It’s very frustrating.”

— **Lloyd McClendon**
Mariners manager on the team’s sloppy baserunning in a 3-0 loss to Texas on Monday. Seattle got its first three baserunners on, but two of them were picked off trying to steal.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1957 — Althea Gibson becomes the first black player to win the U.S. Open, beating Louise Brough 6-3, 6-2. Australia’s Malcolm Anderson defeats countryman Ashley Cooper in three sets to become the first unseeded player to win the U.S. Open.

2001 — Venus Williams wins her second consecutive U.S. Open title by beating Serena Williams 6-2, 6-4 in the first prime-time women’s Grand Slam final. The match is the 10th between sisters in a Grand Slam match during the Open era, with the older sister winning every time.

Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com

Rodeo

Brown wins in Walla Walla

East Oregonian

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Team roper Billy Bob Brown claimed the all-around title at the Walla Walla Frontier Days Rodeo over the weekend.

The Stephenville, Texas, header placed in both rounds with heeler Garrett Jess, and when no competitors earned checks in more than one event, Brown’s failed attempt to crack the tie-down leaderboard made him the all-around champ.

The ropers won the first go in 4.4 seconds and then tied for fifth in the second go in 5.7 to give them a 10.1 aggregate time. That was enough to edge Clayton and Chase Hansen

by one second and bring their total winnings to \$4,031.27.

Former Blue Mountain Community College competitor Dakota Eldridge tied an arena record with his 3.5 in the first round of steer wrestling, but he and steer wrestling aggregate winner Sean Santucci (9.3 on two) had to settle for second in the all-around with identical winnings of \$3,783.50.

Other champions at the Frontier Days were: bareback rider Stephen Peebles (Redmond) with 86 points for \$3,310.68; tie-down roper Marcos Costa (Childress, Texas) with 17.6 on two for \$5,343.23; saddle bronc rider Joe Lufkin (Sallisaw, Oklahoma) with 82 for

\$3,513.72; barrel racer Amber Leigh Moore (Salem) with 17.21 on one for \$3,024.92; bull rider Chandler Bownds (Lubbock, Texas) with 87 for \$3,722.40; steer roper Jess Tierney (Hermosa, South Dakota) with 54.3 on three for \$2,204.30.

Locals bringing home checks from Walla Walla included: steer roper Joe Bartlett (Boardman) with fourth in Round 1 (15.7); bull riders Bryan Carter (Pendleton) in a tie for fourth (78) and Cain Smith (Pendleton) in eighth (68); barrel racers Sammie Lane (Arlington) in third (17.6) and Jordan Minor (Hermiston) in 13th (19.0); and team roping header Clayton Hansen (Pendleton).

NFL

New issues arise in Seattle



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) leads his team in a huddle before a preseason NFL football game against the Oakland Raiders, Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, in Seattle. AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seahawks looking to erase Super Bowl disappointment, but have some internal hurdles to leap first

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — They all processed the events differently, just as Pete Carroll encouraged. He wasn’t going to direct how to get past arguably the most stunning Super Bowl conclusion in history.

Some may never get over what occurred when Russell Wilson’s pass found the arms of Malcolm Butler and not Ricardo Lockette.

But the Seattle Seahawks are in agreement that the easiest way to escape the cloud of what happened is getting back there again.

“We were on the 1-yard line. We don’t need to change much,” Wilson said. “I think that’s kind of our focus.”

Seattle begins the season trying to become the first NFC team to win three successive conference titles. The Seahawks remain the class of the NFC West and with Green Bay

are widely considered the best two teams in the conference.

But there are new issues the Seahawks face that have nothing to do with any hangover from that February loss to New England.

There’s internal strife: Strong safety Kam Chancellor — a Pro Bowl talent and respected locker-room voice — is holding out, and there is no signal of a resolution.

There are personnel questions, See **SEAHAWKS/2B**

College Football

Ducks look to shore up D quickly

Oregon defense exposed in win over Eastern Wash.

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon’s defense needs to quickly address season-opening missteps with the much-anticipated visit to No. 5 Michigan State looming on Saturday.

The seventh-ranked Ducks defeated Eastern Washington 61-42, and in addition to those six touchdowns, the Big Sky’s Eagles amassed 549 total yards.

Afterward, defensive coordinator Don Pellum said pointedly: “Overall it’s just not where it needs to be. I think we know that. I think everyone knows that.”

The Ducks’ vulnerability came mostly against the pass. Eastern Washington’s starting quarterback Jordan West and backup Reilly Hennessey threw for a combined 438 yards. Receiver Cooper Kupp caught 15 passes for 246 yards — both Autzen Stadium records — and three touchdowns.

Oregon’s secondary lost three starters from last season when the Ducks went 13-2 and to the championship game of college football’s first playoffs.

Three of Oregon’s starters at



Oregon defensive lineman DeForest Buckner (44) breaks through the Eastern Washington offensive line during the second quarter of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, in Eugene, Ore. AP Photo/Ryan Kang

defensive back from last season have moved on: Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, Erick Dargan and Troy Hill. Sophomores Chris Seisay and Arrior Springs started at corner for the Ducks

against Eastern Washington. At safety, sophomore Tyree Robinson made his second career start. Junior

See **DUCKS/3B**

Preps

Dawgs win season opener

Hermiston boys run away with title at Runner Soul

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Even with defending champion Hayden Earl’s absence, the Hermiston boys were far and away the best team at Saturday’s season-opening Runner Soul XC Fest at Sandstone Middle School.

The Bulldogs won the boys title with 63 points, and second-place Southridge was far behind with 96.

It was a similar runaway finish for the individual title, as Umatilla’s Fabian Cardenas broke the tape 32 seconds ahead of second-place James Swyter of Oregon City.

Cardenas clocked in at 16 minutes, 22.8 seconds while Swyter finished in 16:54.6.

Weston-McEwen junior Hayden Scott was third in the boys race in 16:56.8.

Cardenas overtook race leader Nolan Bylenga of Pendleton on the back side of the Sandstone course and never looked back. Bylenga finished 11th (17:28.0) to lead the seventh-place Buckaroos.

Cardenas said he’s worried more about how his team finishes this year than whether or not he repeats as the 3A state champ.

“I think this is the year for our team,” he said of the Vikings, which finished ninth on Saturday and have a goal of becoming the first Umatilla boys team to reach the state meet. “We’ve been training hard and we have a good group of guys ... That would be sweet if we could get our team, this year, to state.”

Umatilla coach Josh Ego said he couldn’t find any major faults in Saturday’s performance.

“It was a pretty good start,” he said. “Four of our guys on varsity have never run before, so it was their first 5K that wasn’t a time trial ... It’s exciting for us. It was a good learning experience.”

With Earl attending a funeral, Josiah Niederwerfer led the Bulldog boys with a sixth-place finish in 17:04.2. Donell Rome was right behind him in seventh (17:15.5), Angel Castellanos was 12th (17:28.8) and Isaac Sanchez was 14th (17:40.1).

Stanfield’s fastest boy was junior Carlos Flores in 28th (18:37.0) and Heppner freshman Hunter Nichols paced the Mustangs in 49th (19:18.9). Mac-Hi’s boys were led by junior Kaleb Marsh in 83rd (22:47.9) and Nixyaawii was led by

See **PREPS/2B**



Umatilla’s Fabian Cardenas finishes well ahead of the pack at the Runner Soul XC Fest on Saturday in Hermiston. Staff photo by Sam Barbee