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## Sports shorts

### Bills beat Jets in Rex Ryan's return

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jilted by the Jets, Rex Ryan got even.

Thanks to his pride and joy, the defense, Ryan's return to the Meadowlands was a successful one Thursday night. That defense shut down Ryan's former team for much of the game, and the Bills scored on offense and special teams in a 22-17 victory over New York.

Ryan was fired by the Jets after six seasons and immediately hired by Buffalo last January. His defense, had two interceptions, recovered a fumble and stopped the Jets inside the Bills 10 in the final minutes — prompting some vigorous fist pumps Ryan repeated, along with a flying headset, when Bacarri Rambo clinched it with a last-minute pick.



### Curry scores 46, Warriors get to 10-0 for first time

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Stephen Curry dribbled across midcourt in the third quarter and went into a trademark crouch as he started to break down Andre Miller.

As Curry rose to take the shot, the 39-year-old Miller somehow got a hand on the ball and jarred it loose. The reigning MVP still managed to gather himself in the air and fire a one-handed, shot-put style 3-pointer that splashed through.

"I was still kind of in rhythm," Curry said with a smirk. "It was just kind of a low release."

Curry scored 46 points, 21 in the first quarter, and the Golden State Warriors improved to 10-0 on the season with a 129-116 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Thursday night. It is the best start in franchise history for the defending champions.

## FACES



Curry

"I told him I liked his shoes — navy blue Buscemis — and how I wanted to buy a pair and we all started talking."

— **Terrance Downs**  
Dallas area McDonald's worker on his interaction with Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch following the team's game at Dallas on Nov. 1. Following a brief conversation about Downs' interest in a career in fashion, Lynch gave him \$500 to purchase a pair of the shoes.

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1964** — St. Louis Hawks forward Bob Pettit becomes the first NBA player to score 20,000 points, with 29 in a 123-106 loss to the Cincinnati Royals.

**1971** — Colorado's Charlie Davis sets an NCAA record for a sophomore by rushing for 342 yards in a 40-6 victory over Oklahoma State.

**2009** — McKendree basketball coach Harry Statham wins his 1,000th game with a 79-49 victory over East-West University. The 72-year-old Statham is 1,000-381 at the NAIA school. Tennessee women's coach Pat Summit is the only other coach of a four-year school to reach 1,000 wins.

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## HEPPNER

# Top defenses meet in quarterfinals

## Heppner hosts Reedsport in second round of state playoffs

By **MATT ENTRUP**  
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Two longtime coaches known for fielding dominant defenses lead their teams into the 2A football state quarterfinals at Morrow County Fairgrounds when Greg Grant's Heppner Mustangs host Shane Nelson's Reedsport Braves.

Both in their second decade at their respective schools, the sage-like coaches have their teams atop defensive 2A rankings entering Saturday's 1 p.m. meeting.

Coming off its fifth shutout in six games with a 14-0 win over

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A trio of Mustangs disrupt a pass thrown by Monroe quarterback Kaleb Ballard to intended receiver Tyson Horning (1) during Saturday's state playoff game in Heppner. The throw went incomplete.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## HERMISTON

# Faaeteete, Neal win yearly honors in CRC



Hermiston Bulldogs head football coach David Faaeteete walks the sidelines diring a recent game at Kennison Stadium.

Staff photo by Gary L. West

## Columbia River announces all-league teams

By **SAM BARBEE**  
East Oregonian



Hermiston's Tre Neal sacks Coeur d'Alene sophomore quarterback Colson Yankoff during a game at Kennison Stadium this season.

Staff photo by Gary L. West

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## College Football

# Eastern hosts Southern for season finale

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LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University football team will be looking to repeat a little bit of history on Saturday afternoon when the Navy and Gold squares off against No. 8 Southern Oregon in its final game of the regular season.

SOU (7-2) enters Saturday's game in second place of the Frontier



#8 Southern Ore. Raiders (7-2)

• Saturday, p.m.  
• at Community Stadium, La Grande



Eastern Ore. Mountaineers (4-6)

Conference alongside Montana Western.

On Nov. 7, SOU saw its seven-

game winning streak snapped in a 21-17 loss to Montana Tech in Ashland. Tanner Trosin threw 14-for-17 for 209 yards and one touchdown, and he also added a team-high 62 rushing yards on 13 carries in the losing effort.

The Raiders are sixth in the NAIA in scoring (42.6 points/game) and lead the Frontier Conference in total offense (482.6 yards/game).

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## STANFIELD

# Tigers put it on the line

Stanfield blockers key to offensive success

By **MATT ENTRUP**  
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — When the Stanfield Tigers take the field in Halsey Friday night against the Central Linn Cobras in the 2A football state quarterfinals, it will be with a rushing attack that averages more than 300 yards a game and features four backs averaging more than five yards a carry.

The No. 9 Tigers are third in overall scoring and have scored above their season average of 40.9 points in each of their last three wins — last week ending a 58-year span without a playoff win by beating No. 8 Vernonia 56-26 in its own house.

Stanfield (9-1) isn't arriving at these totals through some sort of wizardry — their Wing-T attack may use a lot of misdirection and fakes as dialed up by first-year head coach Davy Salas, but variations of this offense are employed by numerous teams to much less success.

The secret to Stanfield's success is much simpler.

"We go as the line goes. We always say that, just to remember it," said junior quarterback Dylan Grogan. "That's what we go by in the locker room."

Several of Grogan's teammates echoed that sentiment as the team prepared to play its first second-round playoff game since 1957.

It's that shared knowl-

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"It's kind of the spot that if you're playing there you're playing for the team. There's no glory but, I mean, you're the heart and soul of it. They go as we go."

— **Hunter Barnes**, Stanfield left tackle