

Sports shorts

Peterson inks two-year extension

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington coach Chris Petersen has signed a two-year contract extension keeping him tied to the Huskies through the 2020 season, the school announced on Thursday.

Petersen originally signed a five-year contract in December 2013. Petersen will be paid \$4 million per season in 2019 and 2020, the same as he is scheduled to make in 2018, the final year of his original contract.

“Coach Petersen has demonstrated tremendous integrity and is building a program that Husky fans can be proud of, both on and off the field,” Washington athletic director Scott Woodward said in a statement. “We hope Coach Petersen is a Husky for a long time to come.”



McMaryion to start for Beavers

CORVALLIS — Oregon State offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin announced that Marcus McMaryion will start at quarterback for the Beavers in the Civil War game.

Baldwin and the staff liked how McMaryion played in the loss to Washington and made the decision to go with him against Oregon on Friday.

McMaryion entered the UW game in the second quarter after Nick Mitchell lost a fumble. Mitchell had thrown incompletions on all seven pass attempts.

“He came in and I thought he did well in the game, so he deserves another shot,” Baldwin said. “He came in and he gave us an opportunity with a couple throws, moved the ball a couple times, so we’re giving him that opportunity.”

—Corvallis Gazette-Times

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McMaryion

HEPPNER

Mustangs’ mission almost complete

Months of hard work comes down to title game on Saturday

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

HEPPNER — The Heppner Mustangs have been on a mission. A mission to wreck havoc on its opponents again and get back to the state championship game, wanting to avenge a disappointing loss in 2014.

That mission began way back in June, and after hundreds of practices, workouts, weight room sessions, and football camps, it all comes down to Saturday night.

Football

Heppner Mustangs (11-0)

Kennedy Trojans (10-1)

• Saturday, 6 p.m.

• at Hermiston HS

The Mustangs (11-0) will meet up with the Kennedy (Mount Angel) Trojans (10-1) at Kennison Field in Hermiston to decide who will be champion of Class 2A football.

“We’re real excited,” said Mustangs coach Greg Grant. “It’s what you spend so much time preparing for, so much effort, that so

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Heppner’s Kaden Clark fends off a Reedsport defender in the Mustangs’ 52-14 win against the Braves Saturday in Heppner.

HERMISTON

Larson takes over Bulldogs



First-year Hermiston wrestling coach Kyle Larson (left) speaks with an assistant at his first practice as head coach Monday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Sam Barbree

Former Hermiston star wrestler ready to lead program as rookie coach

By SAM BARBEE
Staff Writer

When Kyle Larson began wrestling at Hermiston High School, the accolades, banners and expectations that dominate the Bulldogs’ program weren’t yet around. Hermiston wasn’t a wrestling power, but it soon would be.

Larson, a sophomore on that team, helped and watched as Curt Berger transformed the Bulldogs from wrestling also-ran into state juggernaut, winning eight of the last nine 5A team titles.

Now, Larson has moved to the other side of the equation, taking over as head coach of the Bulldogs after the sudden resignation of previous head coach Shaun

Williams in August.

“I’m just excited to be involved as much as I can,” Larson said. “We just want to get the community support.”

Larson wrestled at Oregon State University under Jim Zalesky. Wrestling at 141 and 144 pounds, Larson tied for the Beavers lead in pins with eight in 2007, and is 44th all-time in pins with 17. In 2006

at 141 pounds, he posted the best Beavers record at 26-7 (.788).

After graduating in 2008, Larson coached in Hermiston for one season under Berger before moving to Boise and Borah Senior High School, where he spent four years as an assistant. Then, in 2013, former Bulldogs coach Shaun Williams brought the former Bulldog back

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“I mean, all of my good records will be broken and all my bad ones I’m going to keep. When I watch him, he’s good.”

— Brett Favre
Legendary Green Bay Packers quarterback on current Packers QB Aaron Rodgers. Favre was back in Green Bay on Thursday night to have his No. 4 jersey retired during the Packers Thanksgiving day game against Chicago.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2011 — The Connecticut women’s basketball team wins its 89th straight at home to set an NCAA record, beating Dayton 78-38. The win extends the Huskies’ Division I record home winning streak and sets a new NCAA mark, passing Division III Rust (Miss.) College, which won 88 straight at home from 1982-89.

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College Football

A look back through ‘Civil War’ history

Rivalry series has produced many entertaining games

By ANNE M. PETERSON
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Oregon senior defensive lineman DeForest Buckner’s favorite Civil War was in 2013 when the

Ducks won at home, 36-35. Marcus Mariota threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to a leaping Josh Huff with 29 seconds left, and the defense held for the victory.

“It was a crazy game,” Buckner said this week. “It came down to the wire and I was out there for the last defensive play and it was crazy.”

In that game two years ago, Oregon was coming

off a deflating 42-16 loss at Arizona that ended their Pac-12 and national title hopes.

This season, the No. 18 Ducks (8-3, 6-2) won’t have a shot at defending their Pac-12 championship or at a Rose Bowl berth. But that doesn’t make Friday’s game against Oregon State (2-9, 0-8) any less important.

“A rivalry game is a rivalry game no matter what

your record is,” Buckner said. “Everybody comes out to play. It’s a pride thing.”

Beavers running back Storm Barrs-Woods echoed the sentiment:

“Every time we play them, it’s a rivalry. I don’t care what their record is. I don’t care what their ranking is,” he said. “It’s a rivalry. We hate the Ducks. Ducks hate the Beavers. That’s how it goes.”

In that spirit, a look back at some of the more memorable Civil Wars:

THE TOILET BOWL: Everyone’s (least) favorite Civil War, a 0-0 tie in the pouring rain. The futile game in November 1983 featured 11 fumbles, five interceptions and four missed field goals. It would go down as the last scoreless Division I college football

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