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Aggies hurting for quarterbacks

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M has lost its top two quarterbacks after Kyler Murray left the team and was granted a release to transfer Thursday.



The highly touted freshman followed Kyle Allen in leaving the team. Allen was granted his release last Thursday.

The move leaves the Aggies in a difficult predicament for the Music City Bowl against Louisville on Dec. 30. Texas A&M has just one scholarship quarterback on its roster in Jake Hubenak, a junior college transfer from Blinn College who played sparingly this season.

It's unclear what caused the pair to leave the team, but the moves raise questions about whether there are problems between the coaching staff and the players.

Cavaliers player delivers fiancée's baby at home

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers guard Iman Shumpert calmly delivered a baby girl when his fiancée unexpectedly went into labor.

According to Shumpert's fiancée, Teyana Taylor,

the couple welcomed their daughter on Wednesday morning in their bathroom at home. Taylor posted on her Instagram account that

she didn't initially realize she was in labor and Shumpert, "playing Dr.," helped deliver the baby with "his bare hands."

Taylor says Shumpert tied a pair of headphones around the umbilical cord while they waited for the ambulance to arrive.

Shumpert is in his second season with Cleveland.

FACES



Shumpert

"Think about it, it's trippy. Wow. Think of the potential of our five."

— Sergio Romo

San Francisco Giants relief pitcher on the team's starting pitching rotation. The Giants introduced their latest acquisition on Thursday, righty Johnny Cueto, giving them a projected starting lineup of Madison Bumgarner, Cueto, Jeff Samardzija, Matt Cain and Jake Peavy.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1983 — Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky scores his 100th point of the season the Edmonton Oilers' 34th game, a 7-5 victory over the Winnipeg Jets.

2000 — Marshall Faulk of St. Louis scores four touchdowns for the second straight week and third time this season, breaking the NFL record he shared with Jim Brown. The Rams lose to Tampa Bay 38-35.

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HEPPNER

Mustangs crowd all-state roster

Patrick Collins, C.J. Kindle named Players of the Year

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

The 2015 football season was a special one for the Heppner Mustangs.

They cruised through the nine-game regular season with relative ease, and then rolled through the playoffs in similar fashion on their way to winning the Class 2A state title — the ultimate team honor.

On Thursday, the players involved were honored on an individual scale, as Heppner placed 12 players on the first team all-state roster.

On top of that, Heppner coach Greg Grant was chosen as Coach of the Year, senior running back C.J. Kindle was selected as Offensive Player of the Year and senior defensive



In this Oct. 16, 2015 file photo, Heppner's C.J. Kindle carries Stanfield's Tyler Monkus into the end zone for a touchdown in a football game in Stanfield. Kindle has been voted as the 2A Offensive Player of the Year.

lineman Patrick Collins earned Defensive Player of the Year — the second-straight year he has taken home the award.

Collins said that the award could not have been possible without the help from his support system of coaches, teammates, and family.

"It's a great feeling to know that all of the hard work pays off," he said. "These individual honors are great, and I really appreciate that I was selected for it, but the best honor I've gotten was the (state title) trophy and the satisfaction we received that freezing cold Saturday night."

Collins was the leader on a defense that did not budge much this season. He was third on the team with 71 total tackles — behind fellow first-teamers Kevin Murray (87) and Tommy Bredfield (85) — and led the team with 16.5 tackles-for-loss and turned in three sacks as well.

And with the awards and trophies all handed out, the book officially closes on the prep football career of Collins and his classmates, which is something that Collins said went by too fast.

"When I was a freshman I was looking up thinking about the four

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HERMISTON

Bulldogs club Kavemen



Hermiston senior (left) throws Kuna sophomore Mackay Trent during a 220-pound match Thursday at Hermiston's home dual. Colbray pinned Trent and Hermiston won 48-25.

Hermiston scores eight pins to rout Kuna

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

Kuna
25

Hermiston
48

For the last two years, the Kuna Kavemen traversed the Blue Mountains to come to Hermiston, and twice left with dual meet wins. This year was a different story.

Hermiston came up with eight pins in 14 matches to handle the Kavemen 48-25 Thursday afternoon at The Dawghouse. Hermiston left right after to travel to Couer d'Alene, Idaho for the Tri-State tournament that runs Friday and Saturday.

"We didn't come in, necessarily, looking to beat the same team," senior Sam Colbray said. "We look at the pieces that we have to build the best team. And

we're looking to beat every team."

The dual started ominously for Hermiston. Levi Perry scored a major decision over John-Henry Line at 195 pounds with an 11-1 win, with the Bulldog junior's only point coming late in the third round. Perry scored two near falls in the second round — one of three points and the other of two — before scoring a reversal, a two-point near fall and a take down in the final stanza to run away with the win.

Kuna took a 4-0 lead, but it

would be its only of the day.

Coming off his first loss of the season, Colbray was next at 220 pounds and easily handled Cavemen sophomore Mackay Trent. The senior scored three takedowns in the first period, but let Trent up each time, looking for a pin. He quickly scored two more points in the second period, and turned this one into a pin.

"Everybody has their days. Everyone's gonna have a good day and a bad day," Colbray said. "Whoever's best on the day is gonna win. As long as we peak at that right time that's all that matters."

"It's how you rebound from your mistakes is what matters."

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HERMISTON

Dominant Dawg named to first team

Hermiston senior Tre Neal makes 2nd all-state roster

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

For the second straight year, Tre Neal is considered one of the best defensive football players in the 5A ranks in the state of Oregon.

The 6-foot-3, 250-pound defensive tackle was named to the 5A All-State first team this week, an honor he earned last year as well after transferring from 1A Lone.

"It feels good to be recognized, honestly," said Neal, the two-time Columbia River Conference Defensive Player of the Year. "It's a good accomplishment and I'm thankful for the coaching staff for getting me there."

The senior was a defensive force for the Bulldogs.

Of the team's 11 sacks, Neal had seven in nine regular season games. He also led the team in solo tackles (36), total tackles (61), tackles per game (6.8) tackles for loss (13.5), forced fumbles (three) and

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This Oct. 2, 2015, file photo shows Hermiston's Tre Neal sacking Couer d'Alene sophomore quarterback Colson Yankoff during a football game in Hermiston. Neal was named to his second all-state team this week.

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