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Kerr returns to Warriors sideline

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) Steve Kerr had butterflies Friday night for his long-awaited season debut coaching the defending NBA champions.

Then, he got right back to winning.

Golden State's second-year coach knocked down a half-court shot in Cleveland earlier this week that pointed to him returning to full strength.

He came back to the Warriors' bench Friday night following a long leave of absence dating to the first week of training camp in October as he recovered from complications following two back surgeries and Golden State delivered with a 122-110 win against the Pacers behind Stephen Curry's triple-double.

"I've been waiting for this for a long time ... I really missed the routine," Kerr said.



Cavs fire head coach

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — The Cavaliers weren't connected on or off the floor under coach David Blatt.

On Friday, he paid the price for that lack of unity.

Blatt was fired by general manager David Griffin, who didn't think the title-chasing Cavaliers were handling expectations well or acting like a championship team under the second-year coach.

Despite Blatt taking them to the NBA Finals last season and a current 30-11 record, Griffin sensed his team was going in the wrong direction.

"Sometimes you can win games in the regular season and get worse," Griffin said at a hastily-arranged news conference at the team's practice facility. "We were regressing over a period of time. There's a lack of connectedness and spirit that I just couldn't accept."

Top assistant Tyonn Lue was promoted to head coach.

"I want to show everyone I can play quarterback at the next level. I can make plays. I played against top competition. Scouts see my arm, they know about my ability to extend plays."

— Vernon Adams Jr.

Oregon senior, who at 5-foot-11 is the shortest quarterback playing in Saturday's East-West Shrine Game. The game will be broadcast live at 1 p.m. on NFL Network.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

Jan. 23 1944 — The Detroit Red Wings defeat the New York Rangers 15-0 to set an NHL record for consecutive goals.

1979 — Willie Mays is named on 409 of 432 ballots and elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

Jan. 24 1982 — Ray Wersching kicks a Super Bowl record-tying four field goals to help the San Francisco 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals 26-21.

2010 — Kelly Kulick becomes the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, beating Chris Barnes in the final of the 45th Tournament of Champions. Kulick outscored Barnes 265-195.

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PENDLETON

Greb's record night shoots Bucks to win

Junior ties school mark with eight 3-pointers

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Haley Greb just wanted to wear her headband.

The Pendleton junior had been trying something new this season, sporting a white headband to add to her game ensemble. But before Friday's game against Hood River, the referees did not allow Greb to wear it — which didn't sit well with her.

"It made me kind of mad and I got real fired up," she said, "and I just went out there and started making shots."

She went on to make 11 of them, in fact, which includes tying a school record of eight made 3-pointers and netting 32 total points to lead her Lady Bucks to an 81-35 blowout win over Hood River.

Greb used that frustration to start

the game on fire, netting back-to-back 3-pointers to start the game for Pendleton (6-9, 1-0 CRC). She went on to hit all six of her 3-point attempts in the first half and scored 20 of Pendleton's 45 first half points. "The first couple shots felt good," Greb said. "Quick release, nothing but net, it was a lot of fun."

Greb carried that success over into the second half, nailing her first 3-point attempt with three minutes left in the third quarter, one that almost spun out before dropping quietly through the basket. At that point, Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez knew something special could happen.

"We were trying to make the game a success for her," Gomez said. "You could see the community pulling for her, her teammates giving up playing time for her, it was just a huge team effort."

Shortly after, Greb missed her first 3-point of the game, and then the fatigue appeared to set in as she missed her next four attempts from long range.

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Girls Hoops



Hood River
35



Pendleton
81



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Haley Greb (4), of Pendleton, shoots a three-point shot that would be her eighth of the night during Friday's Columbia River Conference game at Warberg Court in Pendleton. The shot tied the school record.

HERMISTON

Hermiston routs The Dalles

The Dawgs' Austin Naillon (10) goes up for a shot as Colin Noonan (2), of The Dalles, defends during Friday's Columbia River Conference game in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Bulldogs score season-high in CRC debut

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

Despite having the fourth-most total points entering Friday's Columbia River Conference opener against The Dalles, Hermiston boys basketball coach Dave Ego wanted to see more scoring from his bunch of Bulldogs.

On Friday night, he got his wish. Hermiston exploded for 34 third-quarter points behind 19 points from Chance Flores and eight made 3-pointers as the Bulldogs set a season-high in points with a 78-44 drubbing of the Riverhawks at The Dawghouse.

The win eclipsed Hermiston's (8-8, 1-0 CRC) previous season-high of 74 points totaled in back-to-back games — on back-to-back days — in early December.

"I think that's what we're capable of doing," Ego said of the scoring outburst.

Ego has said on several different occasions he thinks Flores is his team's best shooter. The junior, who sat most of the first half with three fouls, erupted in the third quarter.

Flores was on the bench midway through the first quarter when he picked up two

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The Dalles
44



Hermiston
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PENDLETON

Bucks open CRC with blowout win

Pendleton takes control early, beats Hood River

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HOOD RIVER — The Pendleton boys basketball team burst into Columbia River Conference play with an 82-54 rout of Hood River on Friday.

"They came out ready to play and did what they needed to do," said first-year Buckaroos coach Kyle Tedder. "These guys were ready to go. They've been

Boys Hoops



Pendleton
82



Hood River
54

champing at the bit."

Pendleton (7-6, 1-0 CRC) led 22-14 after the first quarter and 41-26 at halftime.

Caden Smith paced the Bucks with 21 points, Daniel Adams added 15 and Jack Peterson contributed a career-high 11 points.

The Bucks also were dialed in a the free throw line where they went 17 for 19 to

help ice their third win in a row.

Tyrone Stintzi led Hood River (1-12, 0-1) with 15 points and Noah Noteboom added 12.

Pendleton takes a break from league play on Tuesday for a game at La Grande. The Bucks will then host their CRC home opener on Friday against The Dalles at 7 p.m.

PHS (7-6, 1-0) 22 19 — 82
HRV (1-12, 0-1) 14 12 12 16 — 54
PENDLETON — C. Smith 21, D. Adams 15, J. Peterson 11, J. Bradt 10, M. Foreman 7, D. Roe 4, J. Stuvland 4, K. Quinn 4, S. Jerome 2, J. Szumski 2, R. Russell 2, V. Morris.
HOOD RIVER — T. Stintzi 15, N. Noteboom 12, P. Kennedy 7, Z. Ellsworth 5, D. Kurahara 5, D. Buckley 3, S. Hunter 3, I. Enriquez 3, Z. Moore.

3-pointers — PHS 9, HRV 6. Free throws — PHS 17-19, HRV 10-16. Fouls — PHS 17, HRV 14.

HERMISTON

Three Bulldogs make TOC semis

Hermiston fourth in team points

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HILLSBORO — Three Hermiston Bulldogs retained their title hopes after the first day of wrestling at the Reser's Tournament of Champions on Friday at Liberty High School.

Valen Wyse, Bob Coleman and Sam Colbray each entered the bracket with seeds and received byes in their first-round matches before winning twice to reach the semifinals.

Wyse, the sixth-seeded 152 pound wrestler, took his first win by pin in just 42 seconds over Redmond's Tamione Dunningham. He then ousted third seed Austin Harris of Roseburg with

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