

Sports shorts

Goodell to require new ‘Rooney Rule’ for exec positions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will implement a “Rooney Rule” requiring that women be interviewed for executive positions with teams around the league.



Goodell made the announcement Thursday in his opening remarks at the first NFL Women’s Summit, part of Super Bowl 50.

Goodell says, “You can see that progress is being made.”

The Bills hired the NFL’s first full-time assistant coach last month, Kathryn Smith, as special teams quality control coach.

That move comes after Jen Welter coached the Cardinals’ during Arizona’s training camp last summer, while Sarah Thomas became the league’s first female official this past season.

McCollum to compete at All-Star Weekend

PORTLAND — Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum has been selected to compete in the Taco Bell Skills Challenge on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Air

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Canada Centre in Toronto, the NBA announced today. The Taco Bell Skills Challenge is scheduled as the first of three events on State Farm All-Star Saturday night, which is set to air live on TNT at 5:00 p.m..

In 48 games played this season, McCollum ranks second on the team in both scoring (20.9 ppg) and assists (4.3 apg).

Along with McCollum, Houston’s Patrick Beverley, the L.A. Lakers’ Jordan Clarkson, Sacramento’s DeMarcus Cousins, New Orleans’ Anthony Davis, Golden State’s Draymond Green, Boston’s Isaiah Thomas and Minnesota’s Karl-Anthony Towns are also competing in the event.

“I’m really disappointed with the decision and the length of the suspension. I did not have any intent at any time to hit the official or hurt him or anything like that. I would never do something like that.”

— **Dennis Wideman**
Calgary Flames defenseman was suspended by the NHL for 20 games for intentionally hitting a referee during a game on Jan. 27. The NHLPA has appealed the decision as Wideman claims it was not intentional.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1960 — Bill Russell grabs 51 rebounds in the Boston Celtics’ 124-100 victory over the Syracuse
2006 — Pittsburgh wins a record-tying fifth Super Bowl, but its first since 1980 with a 21-10 win over the Seattle Seahawks.
2009 — Tennessee’s Pat Summitt becomes the first Division I basketball coach to win 1,000 career games.
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PENDLETON

Underclassmen carry Buckaroos

Pendleton wrestling routs The Dalles

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Out with the old, in with the new. Pendleton wrestling fans bid farewell to the team’s seniors before the Buckaroos took the mat to face The Dalles Riverhawks in a league dual on Thursday, then got a glimpse of what the future of the team will look like when the action began at Warberg Court.

Two freshmen wrestled and won their first varsity dual matches, two more underclassmen won their first varsity home matches, and Pendleton raced out to a big lead before finishing off The Dalles 66-9.

“It was nice to put a couple



Pendleton’s Shawn Yeager (in green) earns two points during his match against Andrew Richman of The Dalles on Thursday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

freshmen out there tonight and let them get their first taste of some varsity wrestling,” said Pendleton coach Fred Phillips. “All in all I thought that everybody that was out there competed hard and got after it.

That’s all you can ask for this late in the season.

“Of course we’ve still got things to work on, but at least the kids went hard and won a couple of the closer matches, they won the ones we

needed to early.”

The Riverhawks were forced to forfeit five weight classes due to their small roster size, meaning Pendleton only had to score seven points to secure the mathematical victory.

Freshman Lane Evens got five of those out of the way in the night’s first match by earning a technical fall over The Dalles 113-pounder Josiah Anderson.

It was the first time he’d been in a dual lineup at the varsity level, and he was giving up about nine pounds after weighing in at 104 — he was unfazed.

“It just felt like it was just another normal match to go out and do,” he said.

With the difference in weight, Evens said he knew he’d need to be

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HERMISTON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston’s Liam Tarvin gets tied up with Hood River’s Noah Wachsmuth during the Bulldogs’ 72-4 win against the Eagles on Thursday in Hermiston.

Dawgs don’t hold back

Hermiston earns five pins in blowout of Hood River

East Oregonian

The Hermiston Bulldog wrestlers kept its brilliant 2015-2016 season rolling with a big win over Hood River Valley in a 5A Special District 4 dual meet on Thursday.

Hermiston lost only one match on the night, when Hood River’s Ryan Zeller earned a 19-7 major decision win over Hermiston’s Ruben Madrigal to earn the Eagles’ only four points of the dual. From that point on, it was all Hermiston.

Liam Tarvin started off Hermiston’s roll with a pin against Noah Wachsmuth at the 3:37 mark of the match, and Andy Wagner followed up with a 5-0 decision win over Jason Shaner to boost Hermiston up 15-4 early.

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Hermiston’s Brock McDonough throws Hood River’s Trystan Fisher during the Bulldogs’ 72-4 win against the Eagles on Thursday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

MISSION

Eagles, Cougars unite for Bouncin’ Cancer

Event raises money for local cancer patients

By MATT ENTRUP
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Cancer is an indiscriminate killer.

The American Cancer Society estimates there will be more than 1.6 million new cases and more than 595,000 cancer deaths in the United States in 2016.

Of those new cases, 22,510 are expected to be in Oregon. Many of those are bound to occur in Umatilla County.

For many cancer patients in Eastern Oregon, fighting and winning their battle means several trips to or extended stays in hospitals on the other side of the state.

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Bouncin’ Cancer

WHAT: Fundraiser for local organization Friends of Pamela Faye which helps cancer patients with non-medical costs associated with battling cancer. It will coincide with league basketball games between Nixyaawii and Echo.
WHEN: Tonight, 6 p.m.
WHERE: At the Nixyaawii Community School gymnasium.
COST: \$5 for admission

Men’s Basketball

Cook leads No. 16 Oregon to sixth straight win

Senior surpasses 1,000 points for career in win over Colorado

By RON RICHMOND
Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon is off to its best start in conference play in 14 seasons, but the toughest person to sell on the No. 16 Ducks being the Pac-12’s best team might be their own coach.

“If we had some better depth and we knew how to handle some possessions, I’d give them a little more credit,” Oregon coach Dana Altman said, “but with the balance in our league, it’s hard to get full of yourself.”

The Ducks were anything but that Thursday night as Elgin Cook scored 18 points and Chris Boucher had 12 rebounds and blocked six shots to lead them to a 76-56 win over Colorado. Cook became the 34th Duck

player to surpass 1,000 career points. He now has 1,011.

Tyler Dorsey added 13 points and Dwayne Benjamin had 11 for the Ducks (19-4, 8-2 Pac-12), who won their fifth straight and 21st consecutive home game for the second-longest streak in school history.

Josh Scott led the Buffaloes (18-5, 7-3) with 17 points, and George King had 16 and eight rebounds. Colorado had a 42-38 advantage on the boards.

Oregon had given up a season-high 91 points in a four-point road loss to Colorado last month. This time the Buffaloes didn’t hit double digits as a team until 12 ½ minutes had been played.

Benjamin said the difference for the Ducks this time wasn’t a matter of talent.

“It’s all effort,” he said. “You’ve just got to work harder than the next man. We try to play like a team on defense, so it’s not really just one man. I think that’s the biggest deal with us.”



Oregon’s Elgin Cook, right, goes up against Colorado’s George King during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, in Eugene, Ore. Oregon won 76-56.

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