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EOU releases league football slate

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University football coach Tim Camp released the team's 2016 Frontier Conference schedule on Tuesday.



The Mountaineers will open league play in Week 3 of the season at home against Southern Oregon on Sept. 3.

Other home Frontier games for EOU are against College of Idaho (Sept. 17), Montana Tech (Sept. 24), Montana Western (Oct. 22) and Rocky Mountain (Nov. 5).

The conference slate concludes with EOU at Carroll on Nov. 12.

The Mountaineers have open dates on the schedule on Aug. 20 and 27, and Oct. 1.

Griffin's days are numbered in Washington

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Washington president Bruce Allen has voiced what everyone has assumed for quite some time: Robert Griffin III is done in Washington.

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In an interview Tuesday with the "Dan Sileo Show" on 1090 AM in San Diego, Allen replied "well, no" when asked whether he thinks the 2012 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year will be with Washington next season.

Said Allen: "I see Robert getting an opportunity with another team. I think we've heard from some teams that are interested, and I think he's going to have a choice of a couple teams that will let him excel in the future."

Griffin did not appear in a game for the NFC East champions last season — and he only was active for one. Washington has until March 9 to cut him if they want to get his contract off the books for 2016.

"There were many things that Chip had done that showed me he wasn't building a championship team. The Broncos team I was on would have eaten Chip alive. I don't think he could have handled the plethora of large personalities."

— **Evan Mathis**
Denver Broncos offensive lineman and former Philadelphia Eagle with comments in an email with 9News in Denver on former Eagles coach Chip Kelly. Mathis said that Kelly was "impatient with certain personality types" and described his offense as "A never-evolving, vanilla offense."

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1967 — Wilt Chamberlain of Philadelphia shoots 18-for-18 from the field against the Baltimore Bullets, an NBA record for field goals in a game without a miss.

1980 — The U.S. wins the hockey gold medal with a 4-2 victory over Finland at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

1993 — Steve Yzerman of the Detroit Red Wings scores his 1,000th career point with two goals and two assists in a 10-7 loss to Buffalo Sabres.

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WAR ON 84

Bucks in playoff mode



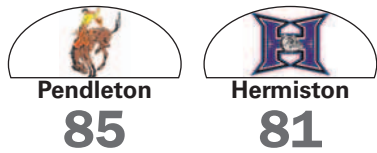
Pendleton's Caden Smith (23) leaps high and manages to deflect a shot by Javier Garcia (20), of Hermiston Tuesday at the Dawg-house.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton closes out rivalry series strong

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

Boys Hoops



HERMISTON — For the Pendleton Buckaroos, the playoffs won't start next week. They've already started.

First-year Bucks head coach Kyle Tedder used the final two Columbia River Conference contests to prepare his team for the emotion and pressure-packed playoffs, and if Tuesday's 85-81 win over the rival

Hermiston Bulldogs is any indication, the Bucks are ready.

"That's probably our most complete game we've played all around," Tedder said. "Hats off to

(Hermiston). They played a pretty good game. We knew that coming in here it was going to be a playoff game. Bottom line that's what the atmosphere was going to be ... It was a team win. We had a lot of contributors."

The Bucks (15-7, 8-1 CRC) trailed by as many as eight in the first quarter as Chance Flores got hot from the field. The junior scored 10 of his 25 points in the first quarter, but

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Hermiston rallies to finish unbeaten

Hermiston's Sara Ramirez helps cut down the net after beating Pendleton Tuesday at the Dawg-house.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Four Bulldogs score in double digits to down Pendleton

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — In the first two meetings between the Hermiston Bulldogs and the Pendleton Buckaroos, the Bulldogs breezed to victories by an average margin of 36 points.

But in both teams' regular-season finale on Friday night, the Bulldogs needed a fourth-quarter comeback to put away the Buckaroos with a 51-46 victory to finish undefeated in the CRC.

Hermiston (21-3, 9-0 CRC) coach Steve Hoffert said his team was guilty of looking ahead to the postseason.

"It's not that we took Pendleton for granted,"
See HERMISTON RALLIES/2B

Prep Basketball

Helix ousts Lone

Tullis nets 23 points to lead Grizzlies to win

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IONE — The Helix Grizzlies played one of their best all-around games of the season to put away the Lone Cardinals in an OSAA state play-in game on Tuesday night.

"Lone's a pretty physical team, and they tried to pressure us from the start and we were able to hold on in the end," Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger said.

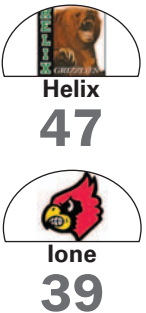
Macey Tullis had a big game on the perimeter for the Grizzlies

(18-9), netting all six of her teams' 3-pointers to finish with a game-high 23 points. Paden Flerchinger also had a solid game inside for Helix, finishing with eight points.

"Macey (Tullis) had a big game for us, and she's gotten better and better," Flerchinger said. "Our girls played hard and played great team ball tonight to get the win."

The Grizzlies rolled
See PREPS/3B

Girls Hoops



NBA

Blazers win 6th straight

By ANDREW HINKELMAN
Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers kept up their midseason tear through the NBA thanks to their increasingly prolific backcourt duo.

Damian Lillard and C.J. McCollum each scored 34 points, and the Blazers beat the Brooklyn Nets 112-104 on Tuesday night for their season-high sixth consecutive victory.

Lillard became the first player to score at least 30 points in five straight games for Portland since Geoff Petrie in the franchise's inaugural 1970-71 season, and the

See BLAZERS/2B

College Basketball

Mountaineers roll past Eagles, into conference semifinals

By SETH DAHLE
EOU Sports Information

Women's Hoops



LA GRANDE — The third meeting between the Eastern Oregon University women's basketball team and Northwest proved to be no different than the regular season series, as the Mountaineers shot lights out from beyond the arc en route to burying the Eagles, 74-59, on Tuesday night at Quinn Coliseum.

With the win, the third-seeded Mountaineers (21-9) advanced to the

semifinals of the Cascade Collegiate Conference championships, while sixth-seeded Northwest closed out its season with a 15-16 record.

Senior guard Jordan Klebaum posted a game-high 22 points, including six three's, while senior

forward Madeline Laan added 21 points and six assists on 10-for-16 shooting. In addition, sophomore guard Payton Parrish chipped in 14 points off the bench and senior guard Maloree Moss had four points, four rebounds and three assists.

Brianna Fiso paced Northwest with 19 points and six rebounds in the losing effort.

EOU led 35-28 at halftime and knocked down 50 percent (14-for-28) of its shots in the opening two quarters, and outrebounded Northwest, 25-17.

Klebaum and Laan carried EOU early in the third stanza, as the Mountaineers stormed out of the locker room with a 7-0 run to take a 42-28 advantage with 6:49 left in the quarter.

Leading by 14 (44-30), the Mountaineers knocked down three-straight triples thanks to Parrish and senior forward Nikki Osborne to snatch their largest lead (53-30) of the game with 2:58 remaining in the third.

Eastern's semifinals match-up will be at Oregon Tech on Friday at 7 p.m.