

Pro Football

QBs Adams, Boykin getting chance to impress for Seahawks

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RENTON, Wash. — Trevon Boykin and Vernon Adams are getting a chance this weekend to pull off their best Russell Wilson impersonation.

Their similarities to Seattle’s starting quarterback are a big reason why both are part of the Seahawks rookie minicamp that started Friday.

Backup quarterback is one of the big remaining questions for Seattle this offseason. Veteran Tarvaris Jackson has served as Wilson’s backup for the past three seasons but is a free agent and while Seattle would like to bring Jackson back, it is also looking at other options.

Coach Pete Carroll said the Seahawks targeted Boykin and Adams for this weekend

because of their skills that are similar to Wilson’s. But Seattle clearly sees a bit more of a future in Boykin, who was signed as an undrafted free agent.

Adams is with Seattle simply on a tryout basis.

“It gives us a chance if it works out — we still have a long way to go — but if it works out to maintain continuity with one of the backups,” Carroll said. “Tarvaris has been a fantastic kid for us over the years but they’re not in the same style (as Wilson).”

Boykin had 40 total touchdowns his senior season at TCU — 31 passing, nine



Adams



Boykin

rushing — and was considered a Heisman Trophy candidate at one point during the season before fading late. He said he believes his draft stock took a hit after his arrest two days before TCU won the Alamo Bowl.

He was out on the famed River Walk after the team’s curfew in the early morning hours on Dec. 31 when he was allegedly heckled at a bar and ended up being subdued by authorities who said they had to threaten the quarterback with a Taser.

Boykin said his offers were from Seattle and Dallas,

him I watched more than enough of your games,” Boykin said with a chuckle.

“I told him I was going stay in his hip pocket and just soak up everything he has to give me.”

Adams has more to prove than Boykin. He’s shorter. He has a unique throwing motion. And he was tested only one year at the highest level of college football, transferring from Eastern Washington to Oregon for his final season.

But it’s hard not to notice Adams’ production when he was healthy. Adams threw for 21 touchdowns and four interceptions in the final four games of the regular season last year for Oregon. He threw for 55 touchdowns as a sophomore at Eastern Washington and 35 touchdowns the following season.

Adams said his only tryout

offers were from Seattle and Washington.

“It’s an honor to be compared to somebody as great as Russell Wilson. ... I just embrace it and watch film on him and model my game after him a little bit,” Adams said.

For both Boykin and Adams, the little things about playing quarterback in Seattle’s system are the toughest to pick up. Calling plays in the huddle. Taking a snap from under center. They were tasks that seem so mundane for a quarterback to learn, but with the proliferation of spread offenses in the college game, they are skills that are becoming somewhat rare to find.

“It’s generic things that spread quarterbacks coming out of college have to get over that learning curve,” Boykin said.

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the seventh inning to tie the game and send it to extra innings, where they eventually won 7-6 in 10 innings.

In the seventh inning, Hunter Sater started the scoring with an RBI single to left field, followed by an RBI ground out from Albert and an RBI double from Travis Hendley to tie the game at six.

And in the bottom of the 10th inning, Shaw Broncheau started the inning with a bunt single, and eventually advanced to third on a sacrifice and error. And then a sacrifice bunt by Brett Speed led to another Grant Union error which allowed Broncheau to score for the walk-off win.

Sater had a big day for the TigerScots, pitching a combined 8.2 innings in relief in the two games with 10 strikeouts, one walk and just three hits and no walk allowed. He also went 4-6 at the plate with two runs and an RBI.

Vince Roff had a big day on offense in game two, going 3-4 with a home run, a triple and two runs scored.

Pirates ended their 16-game losing streak with a sweep over the Umatilla Vikings on Friday afternoon.

Riverside (3-18, 2-10 EOL) was powered by a big day from Wayne Killion as he hit for the cycle behind a total of five hits, five runs scored, six RBI. He also picked up the win on the mound in game one, pitching four innings and allowing three hits, no runs and one walk with two strikeouts.

Seth Cranston had a solid day for Umatilla (6-11, 2-8) on offense, combining for five hits, one run scored, six RBI and a home run.

Game 1						R	H	E
UHS	004200	0	—	6	9	5		
RHS	201210	1	—	7	5	4		
Dever, Keller (4). Bingham, Killion (4). W — Killion, L — Keller. 2B — Dufloth, Dever, Landon (UHS). 3B — Corpus (RHS).								
Game 2						R	H	E
UHS	340001	01	—	9	11	4		
RHS	000230	32	—	10	10	2		
Landon, Soto (5), Keller (8). Hegar, Corpus (4). W — Corpus, L — Keller. 2B — Ochoa, Landon (UHS). Killion (RHS). 3B — Killion (RHS). HR — Cranston (UHS). Killion (RHS).								

Softball

THE DALLES 13, HERMISTON 3 — At The Dalles, the Hermiston Bulldogs saw its losing streak extend to a season-worst four games on Tuesday afternoon with a loss to The Dalles Riverhawks.

Hermiston (13-11, 4-6 CRC) was held in check offensively by The Dalles pitcher Maddy Bradford as she allowed only seven hits and three runs in five innings.

On the flip side, Hermiston starting pitcher Julissa Almaguer did not miss many bats in here 2.1 innings as she gave up 10 hits and 11 runs

with two strikeouts.

Breanna Naylor came on in relief of Almaguer in the third inning and allowed three hits and two runs with two strikeouts in 1.2 innings.

Rebecca Engelbrecht was the Bulldog’s leader at the plate as she compiled two hits with a double, a run scored and two RBI on the day. Ellery Jones contributed a hit and an RBI, and Amanda Barron and Kylie Hinkley each scored one run apiece.

The Bulldogs scored their three runs in the third inning with back-to-back singles from Barron and Hinkley set up the two-run double to center field from Engelbrecht to cut Hermiston’s deficit to 5-2. Jones then followed up with a run-scoring single to center to cut the deficit to 5-3.

But that was as close as Hermiston would get, as the Riverhawks shot 12 batters to the plate in the inning and pushed across eight runs in the inning to blow the game open.

Next up for Hermiston is a key game with Hood River, as a win could clinch the No. 3 spot in the CRC and a spot in a postseason play-in game.

First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m. on Monday in Hood River.

HHS	003 00	—	3	7	1
TDS	058 0X	—	13	13	0
Almaguer, Naylor (3), and J. Hinkley, M. Bradford and Helyer. W — Bradford, L — Almaguer. 2B — Engelbrecht (HHS). Helyer (TDS).					

RIVERSIDE 20-11, UMATILLA 2-0 — At Boardman, the Riverside Pirates flexed their offensive muscles and put up a

combined 31 runs to sweep the Umatilla Vikings on Friday afternoon.

Sadie Hasbell combined to go 6-8 from the plate for Riverside (11-11, 6-8 EOL) and Stephanie Stocco went 4-7 with three RBI and a double to lead the Pirates offensive attack.

Skylar Wightman pitched both games and earned the win in both for the Pirates, including throwing a no-hitter in game two against the Vikings (1-20, 0-14).

Game 1						R	H	E
UHS	5113 1X	—	2	3	0			
RHS	000 02	—	20	17	2			
W — Wightman, L — Trujillo. 2B — Wightman, Velasco, Stocco (RHS).								
Game 2						R	H	E
UHS	000 00	—	0	0	1			
RHS	314 03	—	11	11	1			
W — Wightman, L — Journot.								

Golf

SPECIAL DISTRICT 2 — At Redmond, the Pendleton Buckaroos are right where they wanted to be after one round at the Special District 2 boys’ golf championships at Eagle Crest Resort.

The Bucks were in third place, but just four strokes off tournament leader Summit through 18 holes, and 21 strokes ahead of fourth-place Marist.

Led by the 73 of Nathan Som that puts him today’s lead foursome, the Buckaroos shot 305 on a course that has held up well after mid-week drenchings.

“The course is in great shape and the greens are pretty true, a little slower than they looked so we’re trying to adjust to that,” said Pendleton coach Nels Nelson. “We shot a little

better than we did for the preview a couple weeks ago. Hopefully we can keep it together and make it to state.

“We had almost have everybody in the 70’s, which is great. We were hoping to do a little better. We’d like to win the whole thing (Saturday).”

The top five teams and top 10 individuals advance to the state tournament after today’s round.

Som was in third overall behind Bend’s Rhett Pedersen (71) and Summit’s Jack Loberg (72). Rounding out Pendleton’s first-round score was Reilly Hegarty (74) in fourth place, Sam Kung (79) and Brayden Pulver (79) in a seven-way tie for 14th. Jared Geier shot an 81 as the Bucks’ alternate.

Hermiston has most likely played its way out of state contention with a 362 that is 35 strokes behind fifth-place The Dalles.

The Bulldogs’ lowest score came from Anders Lind with an 84, and was followed by Jerod Thacker (92), Dylan Martin (94), Kayden Mecham (94) and Ty Knutz (101).

Tennis

HERMISTON 7, PENDLETON 1 — At Hermiston, the Bulldogs girls tennis team mowed down the Pendleton Buckaroos on Friday afternoon in a district match.

Pendleton’s lone win of the day came at the No. 1 singles match as Jenna Senter topped Chy Peterson in a tiebreaker. Peterson took the first set 6-4 before Senter

battled for the 6-2 win in the second set and then took the tiebreak 10-6.

Hermiston breezed through the doubles matches, as Pendleton won just two games total, both coming in the first set at the No. 3 pairing between the Buck’s Brooke Lapp and Kayla Walker.

Both teams will now prepare for the district tournament set to take place on Friday and Saturday in Bend.

Singles
Jenna Senter (P) def. Chy Peterson 4-6, 6-2, 10-6
Lindsey McAllister (H) def. Brandee Brown 6-3, 1-6, 10-5
Sydney Moore (H) def. Abby Williams 6-2, 6-2
Breylin Meachem (H) def. Julia Livingston 6-4, 0-6, 10-8
Doubles
K. Markwick/V. McMahon (H) def. A. James/I. Chapman 6-0, 6-0
J. Ternes/M. Hill (H) def. D. Smith/G. Cuthbert 6-0, 6-0
R. Middleton/B. Wadekamper (H) def. B. Lapp/K. Walker 6-2, 6-0
P. Sanchez/A. Stewart (H) def. B. Reynolds/K. Cartmell 6-0, 6-0

HERMISTON 4, PENDLETON 0 — At Pendleton, the Hermiston Bulldogs boys tennis team dominated the Pendleton Buckaroos on Friday afternoon, beating Pendleton 48-8 in games won.

Pendleton’s closest match of the afternoon came in the No. 1 singles bout as Henry Holdman fell to Jacob Snell 6-2, 6-2.

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Singles
Jacob Snell (H) def. Henry Holdman 6-2, 6-2
Hayden Prewitt (H) def. Peter Wallace 6-2, 6-0
J. Ternes (H) def. Easton Phalen 6-0, 6-1
Doubles
Skylar Grigg/Stefano Pieris (H) def. Elton Harrison/Stanton Schmitz 6-0, 6-1

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL

Monday
Hermiston at Hood River, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Elgin at Umatilla (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Heppner at Culver, 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Sherman, 4 p.m.
Grant Union at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.
Burns at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Today
Elgin at Weston-McEwen (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

Monday
La Grande at Mac-Hi (DH), 2/4 p.m.
Hermiston at Hood River, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Culver at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Today
Irrigon at Gilchrist, 11 a.m.

PREP GOLF

Today
Pendleton, Hermiston (boys) at Districts (at Eagle Crest Resort), 10 a.m.

Monday
Pendleton, Hermiston (girls) at Districts (at Indian Creek GC), 10 a.m.

Tuesday
Pendleton, Hermiston (girls) at Districts (at Indian Creek GC), 10 a.m.

PREP TENNIS

Today
Weston-McEwen, Helix, Lone at Districts (at Kennewick, Wash.), 9 a.m.

PREP LACROSSE

Today
Central Valley (WA) at Hermiston, 2 p.m.

PREP RUGBY

Today
West Linn at East Oregon, Noon
Canby at East Oregon, 1:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Today
Spokane at Blue Mountain (DH), 1/4 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Today
Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.

Prep Standings

BASEBALL				
Columbia River Conference (5A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Hood River	9-1	19-4	177	92 3
Hermiston	6-4	13-9	91	77 15
The Dalles	3-7	9-13	99	118 20
Pendleton	2-8	11-12	135	110 21
Greater Oregon League (4A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Ontario	6-2	14-6	201	132 11
Baker	5-3	11-10	123	105 15
La Grande	4-4	9-11	94	92 20
Mac-Hi	1-7	4-13	80	152 33
Eastern Oregon League (3A)				

Conf.				
Stanfield	10-0	22-2	284	49 3
Vale	8-2	14-9	206	140 12
Nyssa	7-3	12-12	171	209 18
Joseph	4-6	7-13	136	159 27
Elgin	3-7	3-12	66	147 28
Umatilla	2-8	6-11	106	143 23
Riverside	2-10	3-18	59	239 35
Special District 6 (2A/1A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Irrigon	8-1	13-4	187	77 12
Sherman	7-2	16-5	203	110 5
Dufur	4-6	6-13	117	181 25
Hegner	2-7	3-13	112	147 32
Culver	1-5	6-10	86	172 20
Special District 7 (2A/1A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Burns	9-0	18-5	210	89 1
Wes-McE.	8-1	17-5	200	136 6
Pilot Rock	4-5	15-7	173	108 11
Grant Union	2-4	7-12	126	135 29
Union	0-11	0-16	36	198 37
SOFTBALL				
Columbia River Conference (5A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Pendleton	8-2	19-4	205	73 3
The Dalles	5-5	16-8	208	115 10
Hermiston	4-6	13-11	162	150 13
Hood River	3-7	10-13	110	120 11
Greater Oregon League (4A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Mac-Hi	8-0	18-4	179	70 1
La Grande	4-4	8-10	179	129 16
Ontario	3-5	11-8	138	112 13
Baker	1-7	10-10	160	178 20
Eastern Oregon League (3A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Echo	13-1	18-5	241	73 6
Vale	11-1	16-5	196	107 8
Wes-McE.	10-2	13-4	206	53 6
Enterprise	8-6	10-10	197	189 19
Grant Union	7-7	12-9	215	133 20
Riverside	6-8	11-11	192	174 23
Nyssa	5-9	6-16	166	255 27
Elgin	0-12	0-14	32	219 31
Umatilla	0-14	1-20	66	413 34
Special District 6 (2A/1A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA Rnk
Pilot Rock	11-1	19-3	256	38 1
Burns	9-3	16-5	179	111 3
Union	9-3	13-8	159	62 2
Irrigon	5-7	12-8	152	101 13
Culver	1-11	6-15	93	226 23
Hegner	1-11	4-16	97	218 19

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	16	11	593	—
Boston	17	12	586	—
Toronto	16	15	516	2
Tampa Bay	13	14	481	3
New York	10	17	370	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	10	667	—
Cleveland	14	12	538	4
Kansas City	14	14	500	5
Detroit	14	14	500	5
Minnesota	8	21	276	11½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB

Seattle	17	12	586	—
Texas	16	14	533	1½
Los Angeles	13	16	448	4
Oakland	13	16	448	4
Houston	11	19	367	6½
Friday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2				
Oakland at Baltimore, ppd.				
Toronto 5, L.A. Dodgers 2				
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 1				
Texas 5, Detroit 1				
Houston 6, Seattle 3				
Chicago White Sox 10, Minnesota 4				
Tampa Bay 5, L.A. Angels 2				
Today's Games				
Boston (Price 4-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 1-2), 10:05 a.m.				
Oakland (Hill 3-3) at Baltimore (Wright 1-2), 10:05 a.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-1) at Toronto (Dickey 1-3), 10:07 a.m.				
Texas (Griffin 3-0) at Detroit (Pelfrey 0-4), 10:10 a.m.				
Kansas City (Kennedy 3-2) at Cleveland (Anderson 0-1), 1:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Hahn 1-0) at Baltimore (Jimenez 1-3), 4:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Santana 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 6-0), 4:10 p.m.				
Seattle (Karns 3-1) at Houston (Keuchel 2-4), 4:10 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 0-1) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 3-1), 6:05 p.m.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	19	10	.655	—
New York	17	11	.607	1½
Miami	16	12	.571	2½
Philadelphia	16	14	.533	3½
Atlanta	7	21	.250	11½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	22	6	.786	—
Pittsburgh	16	13	.552	6½
St. Louis	15	15	.500	8
Cincinnati	13	17	.433	10
Milwaukee	11	18	.379	11½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	16	15	.516	—
Los Angeles	14	15	.483	1
Colorado	14	15	.483	1
San Diego	13	17	.433	2½
Arizona	13	18	.419	3
Friday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 8, Washington 6				
Toronto 5, L.A. Dodgers 2				
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 1				
Miami 6, Philadelphia 4				
Arizona 7, Atlanta 2				
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 2				
San Francisco 6, Colorado 4				
San Diego 2, N.Y. Mets 0				
Today's Games				
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-1) at Toronto (Dickey 1-3), 10:07 a.m.				
Pittsburgh (Locke 1-2) at St. Louis (Wainwright 3-1), 11:15 a.m.				
Colorado (Gray 0-1) at San Francisco (Cueto 4-1), 1:05 p.m.				
Washington (Gonzalez 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 4-0), 1:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Miller 0-3) at Atlanta (Teheran 0-3), 4:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Nelson 4-2) at Cincinnati (Finnegan 1-1), 4:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Hellickson 2-2) at Miami				