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Neal, South stuff North in Schwab Bowl

Hermiston grad named Lineman of the Game after big second half

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Hermiston High graduate on being named Lineman of the Game for the South

By **MATT ENTRUP**
East Oregonian

Defensive end Tre Neal provided big stops on back-to-back drives in the fourth quarter, and his teammates took care of the rest as the South came from behind for a 16-14 win over the North on Saturday in the 2016 Les Schwab Tires Bowl at Hillsboro Stadium.

Neal, a recent Hermiston High graduate who will attend and play football at Eastern Washington University in the fall, was named Lineman of the Game for the South after finishing with seven

tackles (two solo) and 2.5 tackles for loss. "It was a great honor," he said. "There was a lot of great linemen there from all over Oregon."

Neal was held without a sack, but twice got into the backfield to drag down North running back King Weatherly (Beaverton) to thwart the North's attempts to seal the win in the fourth quarter.

"That's usually how I go out," Neal said of a productive second half. "I do about half as good in the first half, I'm more of a second-half player."

"I feel like I did, for not practicing or having training since the end of the season, I feel like I did OK."

The North took a 14-10 lead on a 26-yard pass to start the fourth quarter, but saw its first full drive of the quarter end after Neal and linebacker Lukas Adams (Sherwood) met Weatherly in the backfield for a loss of two on third-and-one.

The North was forced to punt, and the South responded with a seven-play, three-minute drive that ended with a

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Hermiston's Tre Neal holds his award for Lineman of the Game for the South Team after the South beat the North 16-14 in the annual Les Schwab Tires Bowl Game on Saturday, June 25, 2016 in Hillsboro.

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Pirates sink Mariners 8-1 MORE ON 2B



Pittsburgh Pirates' Sean Rodriguez scores as Seattle Mariners catcher Steve Clevenger, right, waits for the throw and umpire Mark Carlson watches during the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 29, 2016, in Seattle.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Little League

Locals stay on roll at districts

Pendleton, Hermiston advance to final round

East Oregonian

BURNS — The Pendleton 11/12-year-old all-stars continued to tear through the consolation bracket at the Little League District 3 baseball tournament with a 17-0 win over Milton-Freewater on Wednesday.

The win put Pendleton into the championship round, where it will have to win twice in order to advance to the state tournament. Milton-Freewater was eliminated.

Payton Lambert started on the mound for Pendleton and got the win after throwing 2 2/3 innings scoreless innings and allowing two hits. He struck out two and walked two.

Tucker Pace and Kobe Fell combined for 3 1/3 innings of hitless relief, and Pendleton pounded out 15 hits.

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Olympic Trials

After overcoming injuries, Bromell doesn't fear Bolt

US track and field team to be decided in Eugene



US Track & Field Trials

- Friday, July 1-Sunday, July 10
- At Hayward Field, Eugene
- Television coverage begins Friday at 6 p.m. on NBC

By **PAT GRAHAM**
Associated Press

EUGENE — Trayvon Bromell swore off sprinting — all sports, really — after taking his third ride to the hospital in as many years.

Among his injuries:
— Severely injured left knee on a back flip gone wrong in eighth grade.

— Damaged right knee while grabbing a rebound during a basketball tournament in ninth grade.

— Cracked hip in a 100-meter race as a sophomore.

On his way to the doctor

after hurting his hip, he told his mom, "Let's just stop here before I can't walk anymore."

Time healed those wounds and Bromell has bounced back to become one of the top American sprinters. The 20-year-old may even be the one to give Usain Bolt a run for the gold medal at the Rio de Janeiro Games if he makes the 100-meter team at Olympic Trials this week. It won't be automatic with Justin Gatlin, Tyson Gay and Mike Rodgers around, along with the fact that Bromell has been dealing with a tender

Achilles in the lead-up to trials.

"My biggest dream was to go to the Olympics, but I never knew how I was going to be there," said Bromell, who kicks off his quest to reach Rio with a 100-meter heat Saturday and is entered in the 200. "If I could go as a spectator, just to sit and watch, my dream would have come true. But to actually be there and compete? I just might lose my mind."

At 5-foot-9, 156 pounds, nobody will confuse Bromell with Bolt, who is 6-5, 205.

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In this March 18, 2016, file photo, United States' Trayvon Bromell, left, pulls away from competitors to place first in a heat of the men's 60-meter sprint during the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Portland, Ore.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File

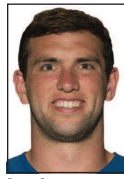
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Colts extend Luck through 2021

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Luck has signed the richest contract in NFL history, a deal worth up to \$140 million with the Indianapolis Colts that covers the next six seasons through 2021.

According to NFL.com, the life of Luck's contract includes \$87 million guaranteed for injury. There are many different ways to determine a deal's value, but Luck's has topped recent quarterback contracts for Baltimore's Joe Flacco and Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers. It also gives the 26-year-old Luck another chance to crash in with a deal around age 32.

"I am thrilled and excited to continue with this great organization," Luck said in a statement released by the Colts. "I am thankful to the Irsay family and Mr. Irsay for providing me with this great opportunity and the trust that they've shown in me. I can't wait for the season to start."



Luck

"I'm disappointed — I'm gutted. It's the biggest sporting event in the world that I'm missing out on. I can't be part of it, and it's upsetting."

— **Sally Pearson**

Australian hurdler and two-time Olympic 100-meter hurdles medalist. Pearson had to withdraw from the upcoming Rio de Janeiro games due to a training injury that is not healing as expected. Pearson won gold in London in 2012 and silver in Beijing in 2008.

Blazers restrict three players

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers have extended qualifying offers to guard Allen Crabbe and forwards Myers Leonard and Maurice Harkless.

The qualifying offers, announced Wednesday before the June 30 deadline, make all three restricted free agents. Portland can match any offer that teams extend to the players.

Crabbe averaged a career-high 10.3 points, 2.7 rebounds and 1.2 assists last season with the Blazers, his third with the league.

Harkless, a four-year NBA veteran, averaged 6.4 points and 3.6 rebounds in 18.7 minutes for Portland, with 14 starts for Portland last season.

Leonard, the 11th overall pick in the 2012 draft by the Blazers, averaged a career-high 8.4 points and 5.1 rebounds last season. He was also a perimeter threat, with 86 3-pointers.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1991 — Wimbledon breaks 114 years of tradition by playing on the middle Sunday of the tournament forced by a backlog of matches caused by rain earlier in the week.

1994 — Tonya Harding is stripped of her national title and banned for life from the U.S. Figure Skating Association because of her role in an attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

2010 — Six-time champion Roger Federer loses to Tomas Berdych in the quarterfinals of Wimbledon. It's the first time since 2002 that Federer fails to reach the final.

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