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HERMISTON

Stringfield flies high

Hermiston native making name for himself in BMX

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

When many kids are three years old, the thought of riding a bicycle perfectly without training wheels may seem a little far-fetched.

And then riding a bicycle well enough to start entering and running BMX races at just four years old may seem daunting. But for Hermiston native Kaden Stringfield, that was reality.

"It's just really fun," Stringfield said. "It's the only sport I like doing is BMX."

"He's always kind of been a natural at the bicycle stuff," added Jayson Tracy, Stringfield's father. "He just loves to ride."

In the five years that Stringfield has been a BMX racer, he has taken the sport by storm and recently captured his fourth straight Oregon state championship — and seventh overall on his two different bikes — back in August. The process of becoming a great racer was one of hard work and the love of the sport, but the process of becoming a racer to begin with is owed all to a radio advertisement.

On a day that began like any other in 2011, Stringfield was riding around in the car with his parents when a radio ad for Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex in Richland, Washington came across the airwaves. The ad was selling free BMX races at the track on the weekends and Tracy, a former motorcycle racer, thought it might

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Hermiston native Kaden Stringfield turns a corner during a BMX race in 2015. The nine-year-old recently won the Oregon state BMX championships for the fourth straight year and eighth overall.

Contributed photo via Jayson Tracy

BOARDMAN

Pirates hold off Vikings

Riverside gets win over rival Umatilla

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — Sometimes all it takes is being in the right place at the right time.

The Riverside Pirates put themselves in position, then got a couple fortunate breaks for two empty-net goals to beat Umatilla 2-1 in District 2 girls soccer on Thursday.

Girls Soccer

Umatilla 1

Riverside 2

The rivalry match-up was played at a brisk pace from the opening kick as both teams looked to be the aggressor, and when the game went to intermission still knotted in a scoreless tie, both teams could sense they were about to break through.

"I told my team there's probably going to be a few goals in the second half, it's going to happen," Umatilla coach Tim Lee said.

"We had to jump on it, right now," said Riverside junior Skylar Wightman of a sense of urgency felt in the Pirate huddle. "We had to get a goal somehow, find a way."

About 10 minutes into the second half Wightman found a way, and got the Pirates (3-3-1, 3-0-1 SD2) on the scoreboard first when she was there to clean up a loose ball in front of the net after Karina Llamas touched it past Umatilla goalkeeper Maria Moreno.

Unshaken, the Vikings (3-4-1, 2-2) continued to attack and got the equalizer about five minutes later when Jocelyn Guardado controlled a long free-kick by Mayra Ortiz near the top of the box, beat her defender to the right, then shot back across the goal to beat Riverside goalkeeper Abigail

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Staff photo by Matt Entrup

Riverside's Skylar Wightman (7) jukes Umatilla's Patty Burres (6) prior to centering the ball to teammate Brendy Avalos for the game-winning goal in a girls soccer game on Thursday in Boardman. Riverside won 2-1.

PENDLETON

Spokane shoots past Blue Mountain

Timberwolves still searching for program's first win

East Oregonian

SPOKANE, Wash. — League-leading Spokane struck first in the second minute and revisited the Blue Mountain net often on its way to a 12-0 win in NWAC East women's soccer on Thursday.

The Timberwolves (0-11, 0-8 East), which have been shorthanded due to injuries and illnesses, went the entire game without getting a shot on goal.

Next up for BMCC in its inaugural season is a home game against Treasure Valley on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

BMCC	0	0	—	0
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Goals
2'— Jenna Sullens (Maddy Boyd)
13'— Anisha Nicholson (Cali Moscrip)
17'— Maddy Boyd (Stephanie Overland)
20'— Jenna Sullens
28'— Maddy Boyd (Brittney Sanders)
31'— Cali Moscrip (Emily Carrell)
33'— Stephanie Overland (Ashly Busch)
33'— Brittney Sanders (Cali Moscrip)
46'— Stephanie Overland
58'— Peyton Vasquez (Emily Carrell)
68'— Ashly Busch
74'— Jenna Sullens (Maddy Boyd)
Saves — BMCC Jessica Adams 16; CCS Mackenzie Schmidt 0.

College Football

Daunting task looms Saturday for Ducks against No. 5 Huskies

Herbert could unseat Prukop as starting QB

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

With a quarterback controversy as a backdrop, Oregon is preparing for a daunting Washington team that proved its mettle on a national stage against Stanford.

Could the Ducks' 12-game winning streak against the Huskies be coming to an end?

The rivalry game with the No. 5 Huskies couldn't come at a worse time for Oregon, which is reeling from a three-game losing streak. The Ducks (2-3, 0-2) are coming off a 51-33 loss to Washington State in Pullman.

Amid questions about coach Mark Helfrich's job security and the changes to the defense installed by new coordinator Brady Hoke comes uncertainty about the Ducks' starting quarterback.

Dakota Prukop has started in all five of Oregon's games thus far, throwing for 1,173 yards and eight touchdowns with two interceptions.

He completed 14 of 22 passes for 132 yards and one interception against the Cougars. The week before, he threw an interception in the end zone on the final drive of Oregon's 41-38 loss at Autzen Stadium to Colorado.

Freshman Justin Herbert came in for the final series against Washington State, marching the team 85 yards and capping the drive with a 4-yard run for a touchdown.

Herbert has appeared in two games, completing three of five passes for 70 yards. But he turned heads against the Cougars when he led that final drive.

A local prospect out of

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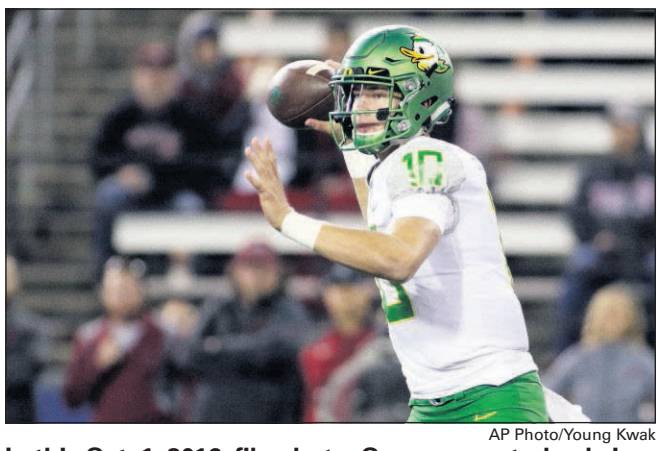
Washington Huskies (5-0, 2-0)
Oregon Ducks (2-3, 0-2)

- Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- at Autzen Stadium
- TV: FOX



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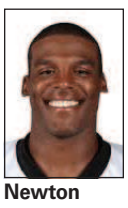
In this Oct. 1, 2016, file photo, Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert passes the ball during the second half of a game against Washington State in Pullman, Wash.

Sports shorts

Newton misses practice again, status for Sunday in doubt

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) Panthers quarterback Cam Newton was not at the start of practice for the second straight day while dealing with a concussion.



Newton

Derek Anderson continues to take first-team reps, with Joe Webb the backup. Anderson is 2-0 as a starter since coming to the Panthers as a free agent in 2011.

The 33-year-old Anderson relieved Newton and threw two touchdowns to get Carolina back in the game before two interceptions in the closing minutes.

The Panthers (1-3) are confident Anderson can get the defending NFC Champions back on track. Carolina has lost two straight and is two games behind the Falcons in the NFC South, a division it has won the past three seasons.

"Working with the Marlins this past season has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my baseball career. I look forward to what the future holds for me — but I do know that baseball is and always will be in my blood."

— Barry Bonds

MLB's all-time home run king posting on his personal blog on Thursday after he was fired by the Marlins after just one season as the team's hitting coach. Miami went 79-82 this season.

Stanton, Johnson lead Cardinals to 33-21 win over 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) Drew Stanton threw two touchdown passes to Larry Fitzgerald in his first start in two years, David Johnson ran for two scores and the Arizona Cardinals capitalized on San Francisco mistakes to beat the 49ers 33-21 on Thursday night.

The Cardinals (2-3) got 17 points off three turnovers by the 49ers (1-4) two interceptions by Blaine Gabbert and a fumbled kickoff return by Chris Davis and also had one drive extended by a running-into-the-kicker penalty.

Stanton didn't produce much with Palmer sidelined by a concussion, going 11 for 27 for 124 yards. But Arizona didn't turn the ball over and got 157 yards rushing from Johnson to get the win.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1916 — Georgia Tech beats Cumberland 222-0 in the most lopsided college football game in history.

1984 — Walter Payton breaks Jim Brown's career rushing mark of 12,312 yards and Brown's career mark of 58 100-yard rushing games in a victory over New Orleans.

2001 — Barry Bonds wraps up his record-breaking season with his 73rd homer and shatters the slugging percentage record that Babe Ruth had owned for 81 years. He finishes with a slugging percentage of .863, easily surpassing the mark of .847 that Ruth set in 1920.

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