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Buckaroos' Smith signs with Saints

Pendleton seniors Caden Smith, left, and Haley Greb, right, sign national letters of intent with St. Martin's and Colorado St., respectively, on Wednesday during a ceremony at Pendleton High School's Warberg Court.



Staff photo by Eric Singer

Pendleton senior to continue basketball career at Saint Martin's University

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

For as long as Caden Smith can remember, he has dreamt of playing college basketball.

And on Wednesday evening, seated at a table in front of dozens of family, friends, and teachers at Warberg Court in the Pendleton High School gymnasium, Smith's dream became reality. Smith, the Pendleton senior and reigning Columbia River Conference Player of the Year, put pen to paper and signed his National Letter of Intent to play college basketball at Saint Martin's University — a NCAA Division II school in Lacey, Washington.

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PENDLETON

T-Wolves win barn burner

BMCC closes out regular season by beating Yakima Valley

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YAKIMA, Wash. — The Blue Mountain volleyball team got a great tune-up for the NWAC Championships in its regular-season finale on Wednesday when Yakima

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STANFIELD

Tigers see themselves in Wolverines

No. 2 Stanfield hosts No. 10 Santiam in quarterfinals

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

The Stanfield Tigers have enjoyed one of the largest home-field advantages in the state this season, posting a 6-0 record at Horyna Athletic Complex while outscoring their foes 282-103.

The No. 2 Tigers (9-1) continued that home dominance with a 55-14 win over No. 15 Central Linn in the first round of the 2A football state playoffs that was their first home postseason game in 69 years.

The Tigers show no signs of slowing down coming into Friday's quarterfinals match-up with No. 10 Santiam (7-3), but head coach Davie Salas and his players know firsthand how quickly home-field advantage can evaporate in the playoffs.

Salas said he sees a lot of similarities between the 2016 Santiam Wolverines and the 2015 Stanfield Tigers, which won the program's first two



Stanfield's Thylor Monkus locks up with Central Linn's Mason Sloan in the Tigers' 55-14 win against the Cobras on Friday, Nov. 4, in Stanfield.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Football



• Friday, 6 p.m.
• at Horyna Athletic Complex
• Radio: KOHU 1360 AM

said. "They've got some good running backs, and they throw the ball pretty well."

Sophomore Trevor Tinney scored three rushing touchdowns and Lost River, Jordan Lanham had a touchdown receiving and rushing, and the defense also limited Lost River to just 142 yards rushing on 36 carries.

Stanfield tagged the Wolverines' Tri-River Conference fellows Central Linn for 481 total yards with 294 coming on the ground.

"I feel like we match up pretty good," Salas said of the battle in the trenches. "They've got some big guys up front and they get after it, and we just need to be able to keep running the ball between the tackles."

That could be a little tougher this week as starting center Abraham Gomez, a senior who also starts

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playoff games in more than half a century, and did it on the road to reach the state semifinals.

Santiam's playoff drought wasn't nearly as long lived, but the Wolverines still tasted the first postseason success of any of their playing careers when the team went into Lost River and upset the No.

7 Raiders 35-20 last week. It was their first playoff win since 2008.

"I just see a hungry team," Salas said of Dennis Dunlea's Raiders. "They obviously went down to Lost River and were able to beat a pretty good Lost River team, so I know they're well coached."

"They say the hunter

sometimes becomes the hunted and we're the hunted right now. When you get to the quarterfinals and the semifinals there's not much of a difference between the teams. They're here for a reason and we're going to go out there and play hard."

The Wolverines and Tigers also share some more

tangible similarities, one being that both rely on strong running attacks to score their points, although quarterback is Riley Nicot's role is much more of the traditional passer than Stanfield's Dylan Grogan.

"They pound the ball and they've got the hogs up front to block for them," Salas

Los Angeles Clippers center DeAndre Jordan, bottom, dunks as Portland Trail Blazers forward Noah Vonleh defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, in Los Angeles.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

NBA

Clippers roll over Trail Blazers

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Blake Griffin had 22 points and 13 rebounds, Chris Paul added 19 points, and the Los Angeles Clippers rolled past the Portland Trail Blazers 111-80 on Wednesday night to improve to an NBA-best 7-1 with their fourth straight win.

It was the Clippers' second victory over the Blazers this season.

This one was never close. The Clippers stunned Portland from the opening tip, shooting 59 percent in the

first quarter. They built a 32-point lead in the first half when Griffin had 17 points.

Los Angeles' bench opened the second quarter on a 14-2 run to go up 50-18 before extending the lead to 61-32 at halftime.

Portland's Damian Lillard, the NBA's second-leading scorer at 32.8 points, was held to eight points. CJ McCollum, who was averaging 22.9 points, also scored eight.

The Blazers didn't have



anyone in double figures until Shabazz Napier hit a 3-pointer with under 2

minutes left in the game. He led the team with 11 points.

DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and nine rebounds and J.J. Redick added 10 points for the Clippers, who sat their starters for good at 3:54 of the third while owning a 44-point lead.

Before the starters left, they began the quarter with a 17-3 run that stretched the

Clippers' lead to 78-35. Each of the five starters scored in the spurt. Paul and Luc Mbah a Moute each had a 3-pointer and Jordan slammed down a two-handed fastbreak dunk off Griffin's alley-oop pass.

It was one of three signature dunks by Jordan in the period that ended with consecutive 3-pointers by reserves Marreese Speights and Austin Rivers, leaving the Clippers ahead 93-50.

The Clippers' defense held Portland to 35 shooting. The Blazers made just 6 of 30 3-point attempts as their three-game winning streak got snapped.

Sports shorts

Tony Romo a full-go in practice

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo has been listed as a full practice participant for the first time since the Dallas quarterback broke a bone in his back in a preseason game in August.

The 36-year-old Romo ran with the scout team in practice Wednesday. Rookie Dak Prescott remains the starter with the Cowboys (7-1) surging to the best record in the NFC. Dallas visits Pittsburgh (4-4) on Sunday.

Coach Jason Garrett said the starting quarterback gets almost all the reps with the first team in practice, and that plan was no different this week.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who went 13-0 in the regular season as the starter when he was a rookie in 2004, said it would be "really hard to kind of change that position" with the Cowboys rolling the way they are.



Romo

"Somehow, somehow, we are going to find a way not to be 0-16. That's not where we want to be. We don't want to be 0-9 right now to be very honest with you."

— Hue Jackson

Cleveland Browns head coach says he remains upbeat despite his team's struggles this season. The Browns slide will likely continue on Thursday when they host the Ravens, a game where the Browns are 10-point underdogs.

Voters overwhelmingly reject Chargers stadium measure

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Voters have overwhelmingly rejected a measure that would have raised \$1.15 billion from increased hotel occupancy taxes to help pay for a new stadium for the San Diego Chargers.

Measure C, which was written by the Chargers without input from City Hall, the powerful tourism industry or other stakeholders, was defeated 57 percent to 43 percent. It needed 66.7 percent to pass. The measure would have increased the hotel tax to help pay for a \$1.8 billion stadium and convention center annex downtown near Petco Park.

Team chairman Dean Spanos, whose attempt to move the Chargers to the Los Angeles suburb of Carson angered fans and was rebuffed by fellow NFL owners, said in a statement Wednesday that he will consider his options



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1990 — The Phoenix Suns shatter the NBA record with 107 points in the first half of a 173-143 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

1996 — Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino surpasses 50,000 career yards passing in a 37-13 win over Indianapolis. Marino also reaches 4,000 completions, another NFL first, with his 10th completion of the game.

2007 — Miami ends its 70-year stay at the famed Orange Bowl with the biggest shutout loss in the stadium's history a 48-0 rout to Virginia.

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