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Pendleton senior Kiara Glover signs her National Letter of Intent with Portland State to continue her track and field career at a ceremony at Big John's Pizza in Pendleton on Tuesday.

Contributed photo by Shannon Glover



PENDLETON

Glover signs with PSU

Pendleton track standout excited to be a Viking

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

For the past three seasons, Kiara Glover has been a standout on the Pendleton Buckaroo track and field team.

In fact, she has become one of the top jumpers in all of Class 5A, qualifying for the state meet in each of her three seasons in high school, and earning top 10 finishes a total of three times out of her four events. Glover's mix of raw talent and an incredible work ethic made her an

attractive asset in the recruiting market for college programs.

But after combing through her offers and taking in the sights during her visits, only one place stood out to her — Portland State University. On Tuesday night in front of a contingent of family and friends at Big John's Pizza in Pendleton, Glover put pen to paper and signed her National Letter of Intent to make her commitment to the Vikings official.

"It feels really good," Glover said Tuesday. "I got a rush of excitement when I was signing the papers, I can hardly believe it still."

Glover said that when she started her process of looking at colleges, she had
See GLOVER/2B

PENDLETON

T-Wolves complete turnaround

BMCC gets past adversity, going strong into NWAC Championships

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Coming off its fourth championship in a row, and fifth in Dave Baty's seven years as head coach, another season-ending trip to the NWAC Volleyball Championships for the Blue Mountain Timberwolves in 2016 seemed almost to be a predetermined fact before the first serve.

Seven returning sophomores from a team that had gone undefeated in regional play, including NWAC Player of the Year Kristin Williams, gave the T-Wolves a solid core that was supposed to assure another smooth transition in the quickly-changing world of junior college athletics.

Those expectations failed to meet the reality of the T-Wolves' situation, however, as they finished the month of October at just .500. Their three NWAC East losses were more than the team had totaled in the last four seasons combined, and something was clearly missing from the team's performances.

"I think we just had a moment where we had won a game, but it just wasn't fun," said sophomore middle blocker Kristin Williams.

It didn't help that the T-Wolves were trying to maneuver a coaching transition, with second-year co-head coach Jessica Humphreys assuming the lead as Baty, who is her father, was taking on more responsibilities at his full-time career as a captain with the Pendleton Fire Department.

"We're still co-head coaches but this was designed to kind of be the hand-off year to me, so we've planned for this and the girls have really embraced it,"
See T-WOLVES/2B

First Round

	
E4 Blue Mtn. Timberwolves (22-15, 11-5)	W1 Highline Thunderbirds (30-5, 12-2)

• Thursday, 2 p.m.
• at Greater Tacoma Trade and Convention Center

Prep Football

Tigers headline all-CBC teams

Stanfield's Thylor Monkus takes the handoff from Dylan Grogan in the Tigers' 55-14 first round play-off win against Central Linn in Stanfield. Monkus, Grogan, and Jose Garcia (69) were three of 13 Tiger players recognized on the All-CBC teams.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Stanfield garners 21 spots with Heppner, Weston-McEwen close behind

East Oregonian

The Stanfield Tigers showed that they were the best team in the Columbia Basin Conference this season, going a perfect 4-0 in league games en route to winning the school's first league title since 1957.

And when the CBC released its all-conference teams on Tuesday

the Tigers were on top once again as 13 players were recognized with 21 spots on the rosters, including 10 on first team — the most in the conference. The Heppner Mustangs featured 11 players in 17 spots, Weston-McEwen had nine players in 17 spots, and Pilot Rock had five players in eight spots.

Making up Stanfield's contingent are seniors Dylan Grogan

(QB/LB), Thylor Monkus (RB/DB), Jose Garcia (OL/DL), Noe Sanchez (OL/DL), Hunter Barnes (OL/DL), Enoel Angel (DL/K), juniors Brody Woods (WR/P), Justin Shelby (DL), Makiah Blankenship (LB), Justin Keeney (DB), Adrian Renner (DB), and Trevor Shockman (OL).

For Heppner, seniors Logan Grieb (WR/DB) and Kevin Murray

(OL/LB) both made first team rosters at two positions, while Tim Jaca and Wyatt Steagall both made the first team at defensive line.

Weston-McEwen had just two first team spots and those were offensive lineman Hunter Sater and punter Kirk Scott. Pilot Rock's first team representatives came from Chris Weinke (WR/DB) and
See ALL-CBC/2B

College Basketball

Oregon upset by Baylor on the road

Ducks suffer first loss of the 2016 season


By STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Johnathan Motley and the Baylor Bears got quite an early-season confidence boost — their first-ever non-conference home win over a top-five opponent.

And it counts even though fourth-ranked Oregon was without preseason



No. 4 Oregon
49



Baylor
66

All-America forward Dillon Brooks, their 6-foot-7 junior who was still recovering from offseason foot surgery.

An eager Motley, who was suspended for the opener, scored 17 points in his season debut as Baylor beat the Ducks 66-49 on Tuesday.

"It gives us confidence knowing we

can go out there and beat a good team like Oregon and maybe keep things going," Motley said. "I was pretty fired up. It's really hard watching your teammates play."

Motley missed the season opener for Baylor (2-0) after violating an NCAA rule by playing in an improper summer league game.

Trailing by 10 at the break, Oregon (1-1) got within 33-32 on Chris Boucher's dunk to cap a second half-opening 9-0 run. The Ducks had the ball again with the chance to go ahead after Dylan Ennis' steal, but then turned it over.

See OREGON/3B



Baylor forward Johnathan Motley (5) celebrates his dunk as Oregon's Jordan Bell (1), Casey Benson (2) and Kavell Bigby-Williams, right rear, watch in the second half of Tuesday's game in Waco, Texas.
AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Sports shorts

Seahawks waive Christine Michael

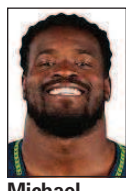
RENTON, Wash. (AP) The Seattle Seahawks released running back Christine Michael after the former second-round draft pick lost his starting job to rookie C.J. Prosise.

The move by Seattle came as a surprise if for nothing else than depth concerns, but that worry is mitigated by the expected return of Thomas Rawls this week.

Michael rushed for 469 yards and six touchdowns this season, but had just 20 carries for 63 yards in the past three games combined.

Prosise flashed potential in his first start last Sunday against New England, finishing with 66 yards rushing and 87 yards receiving on seven receptions.

Carroll said on Monday the combination of Prosise and Rawls could be the blend needed to jumpstart a running game that entered last week 30th in the NFL.



Michael

"(Dak's) earned the right to be our quarterback ... I'm not going to allow this situation to negatively affect Dak or this football team by becoming a constant distraction. I think Dak knows I have his back. Ultimately it's about the team."

— Tony Romo

Dallas Cowboys QB speaking to the media about being the Cowboys No. 2 QB now behind rookie Dak Prescott, who has led Dallas to an NFL-best 8-1 start.

No. 7 Kansas rebounds from loss to upset No. 1 Duke

NEW YORK (AP) — Frank Mason III hit a short jumper with 1.3 seconds to play to give No. 7 Kansas a 77-75 victory over No. 1 Duke on Tuesday night in the State Farm Champions Classic.

The Jayhawks (1-1) beat a top-ranked team for the eighth time and this one looked a lot easier with 8 minutes to play and Kansas leading 62-50.

But the Blue Devils (2-1), despite a terrible shooting game by Grayson Allen managed to suddenly start hitting shots and they tied the game at 75 with 15 seconds left on a 3-pointer by Frank Jackson.

Kansas called a timeout with 8.2 seconds left and set up the game-winner. Mason led Kansas with 21 points and freshman Josh Jackson added 15 and Devonte' Graham had 13.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1957 — Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics sets an NBA Record with 49 rebounds in a 111-89 victory over the Philadelphia Warriors.

1996 — Corey Dillon set an NCAA rushing record for a quarter, gaining 222 yards on 16 carries in the first period as No. 15 Washington overwhelmed San Jose State 53-10.

2008 — Jimmie Johnson locks up his third consecutive NASCAR championship in the final race of the season to join Cale Yarborough as the only drivers in NASCAR history to win three straight titles.

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