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Prep Roundup

TigerScots keep Panthers at bay

MAIN PHOTO: Weston-McEwen's Ashley Hill (44) eyes the basket as Katelyn Stirewalt (13), of Imbler, defends during Thursday's non-league game in Athena.

LOWER RIGHT: Weston-McEwen's Maddi Muilenburg (0) finds herself in traffic during Thursday's non-league girls basketball game in Athena.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Hillmick hits clutch free throws to seal win for Weston-McEwen girls

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

ATHENA — Three TigerScots scored in double digits and Bailey Hillmick converted on two crucial trips to the free-throw line late in the game as Weston-McEwen held off Imbler for a 53-47 non-league win on Thursday night.

The TigerScots also swiped 18 steals as a team and were strong in their half-court defense for what coach Eric Jensen called their "best start-to-finish game of the season."

It was a rematch just five days in the making after Imbler beat Weston-McEwen by 10 at their place last week.

Sarah Finifrock, Chelsea Quaepts and Ashley Hill all scored 10

points to lead the Weston-McEwen (5-3) on offense, and Finifrock and Quaepts each had five steals. But when the TigerScots needed big stops and points in the fourth quarter it was Sara Von Borstel regularly answering the call.

She scored four of her six points in the final frame and was a disruptive force on defense.

"We really needed her to have a breakout game and step up her game, and she did," Jensen said. "She was just really solid stopping dribble-drive penetration all over the place. It was noticeable what she did, totally taking them out of their offense at the top of the key."

Then with Imbler (2-4) trying to get within striking distance in the last minute and a half, Hillmick went 4 for 4 at the free throw line to seal the win. She finished with five points.

Lexee Robertson led Imbler with 13 points, Caysie McGinness added 11 and Kailey Smith had 10. The TigerScots out-rebounded the Panthers 31-29.

Weston-McEwen's next game is
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NFL Seahawks believe there's no divide between offense, defense

Preparing to host Arizona on Saturday

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Russell Wilson and Doug Baldwin chose to diffuse any potential issues lingering in the Seattle Seahawks locker room from the latest sideline outburst by cornerback Richard Sherman.

Baldwin and Wilson said Wednesday that the Seahawks locker room is
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AP Photo/Phelan Ebenhack, File

In this Nov. 27, 2016 file photo, Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman (25) reacts during the first half of an NFL football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, in Tampa, Fla. The Seahawks will host the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday, Dec. 24.

Carroll surprised by Sherman's comments

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said he was surprised by the combative comments of cornerback Richard Sherman earlier this week.

Carroll spoke Thursday

after Seattle wrapped up preparations for Saturday's home finale against Arizona.

Carroll said he believed Sherman would have expressed remorse or apologized for his sideline outburst in last Thursday's game against Los Angeles.

Sherman yelled at Carroll and offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell for the decision to have Russell Wilson throw a pass from the 1-yard line that was nearly intercepted.

During his weekly avail-

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HERMISTON

Bevan, Wyse win titles for Dawgs

Hermiston places disappointing 6th at Best Of The West

East Oregonian

PASCO, Wash. — Hermiston junior Kenny Bevan made his season debut in style as one of two champions for the sixth-place Bulldogs at Best Of The West on Thursday at Pasco High School.

Wrestling at 195 pounds in the two-day tournament that combines duals and an individual bracket, Bevan bounced back from his first loss of the season to beat Chiawana's Clayton Silvers 11-9 in the championship match. Valen Wyse at 170 pounds was Hermiston's other champion, and Beau Blake placed second at 285. Bevan had lost to Silvers

7-2 on Wednesday during Hermiston's 40-30 win over Chiawana (WA) for third place in the dual portion of the tournament.

"Sometimes in dual meets there's a lot on the line because your team is right there yelling, the other team is right there yelling for their guy, so he was pretty down on himself and discouraged,"

"We absolutely have guys that need to be wrestling harder in certain situations. Sixth place isn't where Hermiston should be placing in any tournament to be honest with you."

— Kyle Larson,
Hermiston Wrestling Coach

said Hermiston coach Kyle Larson. "But he picked himself up and came back and got the win."

Bevan pinned his first two opponents in a combined 5:06 on Thursday, then won 14-6 in the semifi-

nals to bring up the rematch with Silvers. Larson said he's seen a big improvement in the returning state qualifier, who went 7-1 at the tournament.

"Kenny put in a ton of time in the offseason," Larson said, adding Bevan wrestled 46 matches between March and June. "We really preach that as part of our system, and he's one guy that bought into that and went and did that. He has improved a ton over the spring and summer."

Wyse took a more direct route to his championship than Bevan and dominated each of his eight opponents. He won with three pins and major decision in the duals, and in the bracketed portion Wyse won with a pair of

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Sports shorts

UFC's 'Cyborg' fails doping test

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Standout UFC fighter Cristiane "Cyborg" Justino has potentially violated the mixed martial arts promotion's anti-doping policy.

The UFC announced Justino's apparent failure of a doping test Thursday.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which administers the UFC's anti-doping efforts, told the promotion that Justino was flagged for an out-of-competition test Dec. 5. USADA will go through its review process before announcing any sanctions or suspensions.

On her personal webpage, Justino wrote she tested positive for a diuretic she is taking as part of a therapeutic treatment due to medical issues related to her difficult weight cuts before bouts. She hopes to get a retroactive therapeutic use exemption for the substance.



Justino

"It's a learning experience. I'm going to use it as that, as a teaching moment. And a teaching moment does not stop by giving one game."

— Mike Krzyzewski

Duke men's basketball coach speaking on The Dan Patrick Show after it was announced guard Grayson Allen would be suspended indefinitely for intentionally tripping an Elon player in a game on Wednesday night. It's the third time Allen has tripped an opponent in the past year.

Oregon teen 10 millionth visitor to Pro Football Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — A landmark stat for the Pro Football Hall of Fame its 10 millionth visitor.

The threshold was crossed Thursday when 15-year-old Tyler Susee of Salem, Oregon, entered the doors and was greeted by the Hall's staff.

He received an assortment of gifts, including lodging and tickets to the 2017 Hall of Fame Game. The teenager called it "awesome."

He and his parents are heading to Pittsburgh to watch the Christmas Day game between the Steelers and Baltimore Ravens.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame opened in 1963. Ten years later, it reached its 1 millionth visitor.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1933 — Montreal's Howie Morenz scores his 251st goal to become the NHL's career goal-scoring leader. Morenz's goal caps the Canadiens' 3-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

1962 — Tommy Brooker kicks a 25-yard field goal 17:54 into overtime, giving the Dallas Texans a 20-17 victory over Houston for the AFL title.

2007 — Chris Johnson sets an NCAA bowl record with 408 all-purpose yards, and Ben Hartman kicks a 34-yard field goal as time expires to give East Carolina a 41-38 victory over No. 24 Boise State in the Hawaii Bowl.

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