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PENDLETON



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Warming up the mats

Pendleton hosted dual meets on Thursday night at Warberg Court in advance of today's Rollin Schimmel Memorial Tournament, which will feature 21 teams and runs all day at Pendleton High School. All local wrestling teams except for Hermiston will be represented. **MAIN PHOTO:** Pendleton's Alex Rendon balances on his head while wrestling Willamina's David Elwood on Thursday in Pendleton. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Pendleton's Noah Kovach wrestles Willamina's Noah Sickles in the 152-pound bout on Thursday. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Pendleton's Morgan Holcomb attempts to pin Willamina's Chandler Allen on Thursday.



Prep Roundup

Kingsmen outlast Bucks in overtime

Putnam upsets Pendleton; Hermiston holds off Silverton in boys' hoops

East Oregonian

MILWAUKIE — Six-foot-7 post Joe Jesse hit a deep three-pointer to tie the score with three second left in regulation, then the No. 16 Putnam Kingsmen carried the momentum through overtime for a 62-57 win over No. 10 Pendleton on Thursday night.

Putnam (4-1) won the tip to start the extra period and scored a quick basket to take the lead. Pendleton (3-2) leading scorer Caden Smith had torched the Kingsmen for most of the game, and when he fouled with two and half minutes left the Bucks were unable to make up for his absence.

"We actually controlled the second half," said Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder. "We were up by eight with about 2:30 left and we had a couple of costly turnovers — a bobbled pass that went out of bounds and a travel."

Those turnovers allowed Putnam to close the gap, but Damon Thomas hit a clutch free throw to put Pendleton up three just prior to Jesse's game-tying shot.

Jesse paced Putnam with 18 points and Christian Herbel added 14.

Thomas finished with eight for Pendleton, and Shaw Jerome sank a layup at the buzzer in overtime to bring him up to nine points.

Tedder said he was also happy with Johnny Stuvland's defensive effort against Jesse, who had about three inches on the Bucks' senior but didn't get many easy looks at the rim.

"It was a good game and a good learning opportunity," Tedder said.

Pendleton concludes its three-game road trip today at Silverton where they have a 1 p.m. tip-off.

PEN	14	6	17	16	4	—	57
PUT	11	10	15	17	9	—	62

PENDLETON — C. Smith 22, J. Stuvland 10, S. Jerome 9, D. Thomas 8, R. Russell 6, T. Newsom 2, J. Szumski, W. Morris, K. Curtis.
PUTNAM — J. Jesse 18, C. Herbel 14, J. Halladin 9, T. Wolfram 8, K. Mixon 8, K. Hall 5, C. Grace.
3-pointers — PEN 5; PUT 6. Free throws — PEN 14-20; PUT 6-12. Fouls — PEN 16; PUT 12. Fouled out — C. Smith (PEN).

HERMISTON 53, SILVERTON 45 — At Silverton, the teams came out of the half tied at 27-27 and the No. 9 Bulldogs were able to outlast No. 23 Silverton for a non-league win on Thursday night.

Hermiston rallied after Silverton took a 10-0 lead to start the game, and buckled down defensively after halftime allowing just 18 points.

Xavier Rambo scored 16 points to lead Hermiston (8-2), Chance Flores added 12 and Hunter Walls was 3-for-5 from the 3-point line and chipped in 11.

Hermiston led 41-38 after three quarters. Cade Roth scored 15 points to lead Silverton (2-6) and Levi Nielsen added 10.

Hermiston's next game is a home non-league tilt with AC Davis (WA) on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

HHS	7	20	14	12	—	53
SHS	12	15	11	7	—	45

HERMISTON — X. Rambo 16, C. Flores 12, H. Walls 11, A. James 9, C. Ortiz 3, J. Ramirez 2, K. Moss.
SILVERTON — C. Roth 15, L. Nielsen 10, S. Clements 4, J. Roth 4, D. Gonzales 3, E. Nielsen 2, K. Garcia 2, E. Ashwell 2, C. Martinson 2, D. Ulven 1.
3-pointers — HHS 8; SHS 2. Free throws — HHS 9-11; SHS 5-12. Fouls — HHS 14; SHS 15.

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Oregon State introduces Scott Barnes as new AD

Comes to Beavers from Pittsburgh

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Scott Barnes was already detailing his plan for the future of the Beavers as he was introduced at Oregon State's athletic director.

Barnes, hired as Oregon State's vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics last week, said among his areas of focus are the academic success of student-athletes, the competitive success of the Beavers' teams and developing new revenue streams.

"It's really about a bigger vision," Barnes said Thursday. "We are building for stability and sustainability in our programs."

Oregon State President Ed Ray praised Barnes as a "proven performer."

"We need someone at this point in time to help us move this program to the next level," Ray said. "I honestly believe he can do this."

Barnes comes to Oregon State from Pittsburgh, where he



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— **Scott Barnes,**
Newly hired Oregon State athletic director

served as athletic director for just over 18 months. He said he will remain in the position at Pitt until Feb. 12.

Barnes replaces Todd Stansbury, who was with the Beavers for a little more than a year before leaving in September to become the AD at Georgia Tech, his alma mater.

Barnes said he will not make wholesale changes at Oregon State at first, instead embarking on a "methodical assessment" before any changes are made.

Barnes, who replaced Steve Pederson at Pitt in April 2015, came to the Panthers after working in the same position at Utah State. During his tenure at Utah State, Barnes hired Gary

Andersen as the Aggies' football coach in 2009. Andersen is now the head coach at Oregon State.

On Thursday Barnes said he and Andersen are close friends. Just before Barnes was hired, Oregon State signed Andersen to a contract extension through the 2021 season.

Barnes has spent the majority of his life in the western part of the United States. He played basketball at Fresno State and has worked in various capacities at Humboldt State in California, Eastern Washington, Washington and Utah State.

The Spokane, Washington, native said the locale contributed to his decision, as well as personal reasons, including a

family illness. He also joked that the family has a dog named Benny — same as Oregon State's Beaver mascot.

"To be back out in the Pacific Northwest is an absolute no-brainer," Barnes said.

Oregon State features 18 sports with 535 athletes and an operating budget of \$84 million, a slightly larger operation than Pittsburgh, which has 19 sports, 475 student-athletes and a \$75 million budget.

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Sports shorts

Williams announces engagement

Court and spark: Serena Williams is tying the knot. The tennis great announced her engagement to Alexis Ohanian on Thursday, posting a poem on Reddit that she accepted the proposal of the social news website's co-founder.

Williams' agent, Jill Smoller, confirmed the engagement in an email to The Associated Press. Ohanian wrote on his Facebook page, "She said yes."

Williams, 35, has been dating Ohanian, 33, for over a year. Her poem:

"I came home/A little late/
Someone had a bag packed for me/And a carriage awaited/Destination: Rome/To escort me to my very own "charming"/Back to where our stars first collided/And now it was full circle/At the same table we first met by chance/This time he made it not by chance/But by choice/Down on one knee/He said 4 words/And I said yes."



Williams

"I get so many techs just for talking. ... I just don't get ref'd the same way as other people, and I don't appreciate it."

— **Russell Westbrook**
Oklahoma City Thunder star after picking up back-to-back technical fouls to earn an ejection midway through the third quarter of Thursday night's 114-80 loss to the Memphis Grizzlies. His ejection Thursday came after he argued what he thought was an air ball by the Grizzlies and an incorrect resetting of the shot clock.

US beats Russia in pool play at junior hockey championships

TORONTO (AP) — Colin White and Troy Terry scored second-period goals and Tyler Parsons made 25 saves to help the United States beat Russia 3-2 on Thursday in the world junior hockey championship.

The United States took the Group B lead, with Canada in position to match the Americans' 3-0-0 start with a victory over Latvia on Thursday night.

Clayton Keller also scored in the United States' first victory over Russia in the tournament since 2007.

"We showed a lot of heart today and did a great job shutting them down in the third," Keller said. "All lines can score and have skill, but our best is yet to come. We're on the right track."

The Americans opened with a 6-1 victory over Latvia on Monday and beat Slovakia 5-2 on Wednesday. They will complete pool play Saturday against Canada.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1956 — The New York Giants win the NFL title with a 47-7 rout of the Chicago Bears.

1990 — Orlando point guard Scott Skiles dishes out an NBA-record 30 assists in a 155-116 victory against the Denver Nuggets.

2007 — Andre' Davis becomes the seventh player in NFL history to return two kickoff for touchdowns in a game during Houston's 42-28 win over Jacksonville. He has a 97-yard return in the final minute of the second quarter, then takes the opening kickoff of the second half back 104 yards.

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