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5A Boys Basketball Tournament

Bucks end drought



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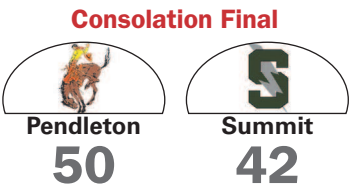
MAIN PHOTO: Pendleton's Caden Smith holds the fourth-place trophy after the Buckaroos defeated Summitt 50-42 in the consolation final at the OSAA 5A Boys Basketball Championships on Friday at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. **TOP LEFT:** The Pendleton student section cheers on the Bucks as they defeat Summitt. **SECOND FROM TOP:** Pendleton's Tyler Newsom shoots in between Summitt's Cole Collins and Andy Jones (22). **SECOND FROM BOTTOM:** Pendleton's Jake Szumski knocks a loose ball away from Summitt's Karson Klecker (30) and John Bledsoe (32). **BOTTOM LEFT:** Pendleton's Johnny Stuvland gets fouled by Summitt's Cam Baker on a fourth quarter shot attempt.

Pendleton fourth, earns first state trophy since 1959

Smith scores 18 to lead takedown of No. 4 Summitt

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

CORVALLIS — The last time the Pendleton boys basketball team had won a trophy at the state basketball tournament, the year was 1959 when Dwight. D. Eisenhower was President of the United States and Neil Armstrong was still 10 years away from



stepping foot on the moon. But now that drought is over. On Friday morning at Oregon State University's Gill Coliseum, the No. 7 seed Buckaroos took down the No. 4 Summitt Storm in the consolation bracket final to secure a fourth place finish and snap the 58-year drought.

"Yeah it's pretty cool," Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder said of the win. "It's definitely a special day for the Bucks. The guys knew it had been quite a while and were very happy to be here first of all, but we felt like we belonged in this tournament and took that as a challenge. "It's hard to bounce back losing on Day 1 especially when you want to win it all so bad, but this is just about as good a turnaround as you can ask for." Tedder added that while it was a team goal from Day 1 to make it to the state tournament, he real-

ized at the midway point of the league schedule that his team was special and had the potential to end the school's trophy drought. "I thought we had a good opportunity to not only get to the tournament, but also win some games," he said. "I knew we had a group that was ready to roll and they came up here and played hard and earned everything they got. That first game (against Churchill) came down to some missed free throws and that was that, but we played three solid

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College Basketball

Ah You leads EOU women into NAIA quarterfinals

Mountaineers beat Dakota Wesleyan

By JAKE KNABEL
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SIOUX CITY, Iowa — In a wire-to-wire second-round matchup, Maya Ah You and third-seeded Eastern Oregon made the plays in crunch time to fend off second-seeded Dakota Wesleyan, 83-75, on Friday afternoon. The Mountaineers were nails from the free throw line in the final minutes while claiming the program's sixth all-time

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College Softball

Lakers bash Timberwolves

SWOCC hits 10 home runs to sweep BMCC

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HERMISTON — Southwestern Oregon went yard five times at Rocky Heights Elementary in the first half of an NWAC doubleheader against Blue Mountain on Friday, and followed it up with five more home runs in the late game for wins of 14-5 and 14-4, both in five innings.

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BMCC's Cooper Ringnald slides safely into home as the catcher for Southwestern Oregon Community College attempts to tag Friday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

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Huskies star declares for NBA Draft

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington freshman guard Markelle Fultz has declared for the NBA draft, where he is expected to be a top-five pick. Fultz made the expected decision on Friday, ending a rocky season with the Huskies in which he led the Pac-12 Conference in scoring but missed six games because of a knee injury. He watched his team finish 2-16 in conference play. Fultz was a star when he was on the floor, displaying a mix of skills never before seen at that level at Washington. He averaged 23.2 points, 5.7 rebounds and 5.9 assists per game and would have been in discussion for conference player of the year if the Huskies had a better record. "It's been an honor to play in front of the Husky fans and I really appreciate all of the support you guys have given me," Fultz said in a statement.



Fultz

"When I went out there, his face was in his glove. There was blood on his face, blood in the glove — everything."

— Brad Ausmus

Detroit Tigers manager describing the scene on the field after Toronto Blue Jays reliever T.J. House was hit in the back of the head by a line drive off the bat of John Hicks during a Spring Training game. House gave a thumbs up to the crowd before being taken off the field in an ambulance and is reported to have feeling in all of his extremities.

Adams bull rider Cain Smith makes Houston semifinals

PENDLETON — Cain Smith advanced to the RodeoHouston Super Series Semifinals by placing in the top four at this week's Super Series I Championships. Smith, of Adams, scored 88 points to tie for first at Wednesday's performance at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and took home a check for \$2,500. Garrett Smith of Rexburg, Idaho, placed first with a 90 during Tuesday's performance. Also advancing in the bull riding were Aaron Pass of Kaufman, Texas with 88, and Clayton Savage of Yoder, Wyoming with 86. The semifinals will be held March 22-23. The top four from each semifinal round will advance to the championships on March 25 where event champions will take home a \$50,000 payout in addition to their previous winnings.



Smith

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1963 — Chicago Loyola blows out Tennessee Tech 111-42 for the largest margin of victory (69) in the history of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. **1979** — In the first period of a game between Los Angeles and Philadelphia, 372 penalty minutes are handed out. Randy Holt of the Kings is hit with nine penalties for a total of 67 minutes in the period (one minor, three majors, two 10-minute misconducts and three game misconducts). Marcel Dionne of the Kings scores his 50th goal of the season in the 6-3 loss to the Flyers. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com