

# LILLY: Back in town to support friend's induction to Buckaroo Hall of Fame

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mechanic at the Buick car dealership in Pendleton and the family decided to move east.

It was at that time when Lilly had his first interaction with legendary Pendleton football coach Don Requa. Prior to the family moving to Pendleton, Requa had heard about the tall lineman that was going to join his football team and "probably wanted to come size me up," Lilly said.

After graduating from Pendleton High School in 1957, Lilly started on a path that took him on a well-known journey to becoming one of the greatest football players in college and professional history.

He first landed a scholarship to play football at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, choosing TCU over schools like University of Oregon and University of Washington because "every time I visited it just rained and rained and rained."

At TCU, he became an All-American offensive and defensive lineman as a senior in 1960 and was projected as one of the top draft picks in the National Football League and American Football League.

The NFL's Dallas Cowboys drafted Lilly 13th overall in the first round of the 1961 draft as the club's first-ever draft selection, and then AFL's Dallas Texans picked Lilly in the second round of its draft. For a Texas-born player like Lilly, being drafted by two Dallas teams was a dream come



**Bob Lilly, right, stands with his friend Tex Aylor at Brown-field Park in Pendleton. Lilly is in town to attend Aylor's induction into the Pendleton Linebackers Club Hall of Fame.**

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

true, but also presented a tough decision.

"Here are the Cowboys with Coach (Tom) Landry and the Texans with Coach (Hank) Stram and I had a hard time making a decision between the two," Lilly said. "I asked (TCU head coach Abe Martin) and he said 'Only advice I can give you is the NFL has been around for a long time and several other leagues have come and gone ... I think I would go with the NFL,' which is why I picked the Cowboys."

The decision worked out for Lilly, as he spent the next 14 seasons terrorizing opposing offenses as a defensive lineman for the Cowboys. Lilly was an eight-time all-NFL selection, an 11-time Pro Bowler and helped the Cowboys win Super Bowl VI (and he now wears his Super Bowl champion ring as his wedding band).

His play for the Cowboys earned him a spot as the

team's first-ever inductee into their Ring of Honor in 1975 as well as the title of 'Mr. Cowboy.' Five years later, Lilly was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility and then later was named to the All-Century NFL Team by The Sporting News in 2000, cementing his spot as one of the greatest football players in history.

And Lilly said he could have never imagined his life playing out the way it did when he moved to Pendleton more than 60 years ago.

"I was shocked when I got a scholarship to college," Lilly joked. "I was really shocked when I got drafted by the Cowboys and Texans. And then it never even entered my mind at the time that anybody but quarterbacks and running backs got into the Hall of Fame so I remember when they called me up I was like 'What? I did what? I got what?'"

"But it's all been a

blessing."

Along with the blessing of a successful football career, Lilly knows he was blessed to be taught the game by two tremendous football coaches in Requa and the Hall of Famer Landry.

"Requa was just fantastic," Lilly said. "He was one of the best men I've ever met and one of the best coaches I've ever met. He was very similar to Coach Landry, both had a military background and wanted the best out of you."

After his football career was over, Lilly immersed himself further into the world of photography. He became intrigued by the field since being selected to the All-American team in college, which was sponsored by Kodak, which came with his own 35mm camera. Since then he has dabbled with many different brands including Nikon, Leica, Canon and Hasselblad, and focuses on landscape photog-

raphy. "I like wheat fields and barns, especially," Lilly said.

One of his favorite photos ever taken actually came from the Pendleton area, on Oregon Route 37 on a drive into town from the Hermiston area.

"I remember going through the bends in the road and all the creeks, streams that come out of little hills and farm here and there," Lilly recalled. "But we came upon a schoolhouse about 30 years ago and I shot it on film. It had an old Chevrolet pickup rusted out in front of it and had some willow trees behind it and a wheat field behind it. It's just really neat."

Lilly, now 77, has made frequent trips back to Pendleton since departing for college in the late 1950s. Lilly and his wife usually make the drive from Texas and come back to Oregon for nearly every class reunion and Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame ceremonies and to visit with friends throughout the Northwest.

For a professional landscape photographer like him, the Northwest is filled with phenomenal photo opportunities.

"It's so different and varied here," Lilly said. "Here, I love the plains and being able to see a long way. Then you go right up into the mountains, or go up the Columbia River towards Portland and it's just beautiful."

Lilly said that he and his wife considered moving back to Oregon in retirement, but decided with four kids, 12

grandchildren and soon-to-be three great-grandchildren in Texas made it easy to stay. Lilly is back in town this year for another class reunion as well as this year's Linebacker's Club ceremonies to support former teammate and current good friend Tex Aylor who is being inducted on Friday.

Lilly himself is a Linebacker's Club Hall of Famer, part of the club's inaugural class in 2004. And though it may not come with the same prestige as the College Football Hall of Fame or Pro Football Hall of Fame, it's an honor that Lilly is forever thankful for.

"I'm extremely proud to be in this Hall of Fame and I'm proud my friend Tex is getting in now," Lilly said. "I was only here one year, and had a pretty good year but most towns if you hadn't grown up there or lived there for a long time they wouldn't put you in the Hall of Fame. So it's a great honor and I'm very proud of it."

And while Lilly's time in Pendleton isn't much more than a blip on his timeline now after spending the bulk of his 77 years in Texas, he is proud of his Pendleton roots and looks forward to many more trips in the coming years.

"I've never forgotten Pendleton," he said. "Coming here was like going to the big city compared to where I lived and it's always wonderful coming back."

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five base runners over the next three innings. In total, Hodgen left nine runners on base.

After Black Hills took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on an error by Ryan Russell, he quickly made up for it by leading off the second inning with a home run to left field for a 1-1 ballgame.

Another error in the field by Hodgen in the third allowed two more runs to cross, and a single by Kristian Knight brought in another run to make it 4-1.

Perry lasted five innings for Black Hills and allowed three earned runs on seven hits with six strikeouts and two walks. Zach Loveless pitched two hitless innings of relief.

Large threw all six innings for Hodgen allowing five earned runs on seven hits with six strikeouts and one walk.

Russell went 3 for 3 with two runs scored to lead the offense, and Justin Duso hit a double.



Portland Timbers' Fanendo Adi (9) fires a shot on goal against the Chicago Fire during an MLS soccer match Wednesday, July 5, 2017, in Portland, Ore.

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the Gold Cup: David Guzman for Costa Rica, and Darren Mattocks and Alvas Powell for Jamaica.

Adi's scored on the penalty kick after Juninho was called for a handball in the box. It was Adi's 10th goal of the season.

The Fire pulled even when Alvarez's shot from distance bounced in front of Nemanja Nikolic and past diving goalkeeper Jake Gleeson. Nikolic was originally given credit for the goal, but told the Chicago broadcasting team at the half that he never touched it.

It was Alvarez's third goal of the season. Nikolic has league-leading 16 goals.

After Vincent's goal in the 61st minute that bounced into the goal from the crossbar, Blanco scored his third goal of the season.

It appeared that Adi scored the winner in the 90th minute, but the goal didn't count because of a foul. After the game Timbers coach Caleb Porter went to the midfield to address the referees, who were booed by the crowd as they walked off.

## SCOREBOARD

### Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	49	36	.576	—
New York	44	39	.530	4
Tampa Bay	44	42	.512	5½
Baltimore	40	44	.476	8½
Toronto	39	45	.464	9½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	44	39	.530	—
Kansas City	44	40	.524	½
Minnesota	43	41	.512	1½
Detroit	37	46	.446	7
Chicago	37	47	.440	7½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	58	27	.682	—
Los Angeles	44	45	.494	16
Texas	41	44	.482	17
Seattle	41	45	.477	17½
Oakland	37	48	.435	21
Wednesday's Games				
Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 6				
Chicago Cubs 7, Tampa Bay 3				
Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 4				
Milwaukee 4, Baltimore 0				
San Diego 6, Cleveland 2				
San Francisco 5, Detroit 4				
Houston 10, Atlanta 4				
L.A. Angels 2, Minnesota 1				
Texas 8, Boston 2				
Kansas City 9, Seattle 6				
Thursday's Games				
San Francisco (Cuelto 6-7) at Detroit (Sanchez 0-0), 10:10 a.m.				
Houston (McCullers 7-1) at Toronto (Liria-no 4-4), 4:07 p.m.				
Boston (Sale 11-3) at Tampa Bay (Faria 3-0), 4:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Lamet 3-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 4-9), 4:10 p.m.				
Baltimore (Bundy 8-7) at Minnesota (Berrios 7-2), 5:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Blackburn 0-0) at Seattle (Gaviglio 3-3), 7:10 p.m.				

Houston 10, Atlanta 4						
Miami 9, St. Louis 6						
Colorado 5, Cincinnati 3						
L.A. Dodgers 1, Arizona 0						
Thursday's Games						
San Francisco (Cuelto 6-7) at Detroit (Sanchez 0-0), 10:10 a.m.						
Milwaukee (Davies 9-4) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 1-5), 11:20 a.m.						
Cincinnati (Romano 0-1) at Colorado (Chatwood 6-9), 12:10 p.m.						
Pittsburgh (Kuhl 2-6) at Philadelphia (Helleickson 5-5), 3:05 p.m.						
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 6-5) at Washington (Gonzalez 7-3), 4:05 p.m.						
San Diego (Lamet 3-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 4-9), 4:10 p.m.						
Arizona (Ray 8-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 5-4), 7:10 p.m.						
MLB						
Northwest League						
North Division						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Vancouver (Blue Jays) 14	7	.667	—			
Tri-City (Padres)	12	9	.571	2		
Everett (Mariners)	9	12	.428	5		
Spokane (Rangers)	7	14	.333	7		
South Division						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Hillsboro (D-backs)	12	9	.571	—		
Eugene (Cubs)	11	10	.524	1		
Boise (Rockies)	11	10	.524	1		
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	8	13	.381	4		
Tuesday's Games						
Vancouver at Boise, 6:15 p.m.						
Hillsboro at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.						
Salem-Keizer at Everett, 7:05 p.m.						
Tri-City at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.						
Soccer						
MLS						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Toronto FC	11	3	5	38	34	19
Chicago	11	3	5	38	37	19
NYC FC	10	6	3	33	36	24
Atl. United FC 9	7	3	30	39	27	
Orlando City 8	7	5	29	22	29	
Columbus 9	10	1	28	30	32	
New York 8	8	2	26	20	25	
Philadelphia 6	7	4	22	24	20	
Montreal 5	6	6	21	27	29	
New England 5	9	5	20	29	31	
D.C. United 5	11	3	18	14	31	
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
FC Dallas 8	3	7	31	30	18	
Sporting K.C. 8	4	7	21	23	13	
Houston 8	7	4	28	34	29	
Portland 7	7	6	27	34	31	
San Jose 7	7	5	26	22	26	
Seattle 6	7	6	24	25	28	
Vancouver 7	7	3	24	24	27	
Los Angeles 6	8	4	22	28	32	
Real Salt Lake 12	2	20	32	40	23	
Colorado 6	11	1	19	19	27	
Minn. United 5	11	3	18	25	42	
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						
Tuesday's Games						

Columbus 1, Minnesota United 0					
Atlanta United FC 4, San Jose 2					
FC Dallas 4, D.C. United 2					
Seattle 3, Colorado 1					
Real Salt Lake 6, Los Angeles 2					
Wednesday's Games					
New York 3, New England 2					
Toronto FC 3, Orlando City 1					
Houston 3, Montreal 1					
Vancouver 3, NYC FC 2					
Portland 2, Chicago 2					
Thursday's Games					
Philadelphia at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.					
Basketball					
WNBA					
EASTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Washington	10	7	.588	—	
Connecticut	9	7	.563	½	
New York	7	7	.500	1½	
Indiana	7	8	.467	2	
Atlanta	6	8	.429	2½	
Chicago	3	12	.200	6	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Minnesota	12	1	.923	—	
Los Angeles	12	3	.800	1	
Phoenix	8	6	.571	4½	
Dallas	9	9	.500	5½	
Seattle	7	8	.467	6	
San Antonio	1	15	.067	12½	
Today's Games					
Connecticut 89, San Antonio 56					
Dallas 93, Atlanta 84					
Phoenix 88, Washington 80					
Thursday's Games					
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 5 p.m.					
New York at Seattle, 7 p.m.					
Tennis					
Wimbledon					
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club					
London					
Men Seeds Fared					
First Round					
Paolo Lorenzi (32), Italy, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-6 (8), 7-5.					
Second Round					
Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.					
Gilles Muller (16), Luxembourg, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-3, 9-7.					
Roberto Bautista Agut (18), Spain, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.					
Sam Querrey (24), United States, def. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.					
Steve Johnson (26), United States, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.					
Fabio Fognini (28), Italy, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 7-5 (3), 6-4, 6-2.					
Karen Khachanov (30), Russia, def. Thiago Monteiro, Brazil, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 7-5.					

Women					
Second Round					
Simona Halep (2), Romania, def. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, 7-5, 6-3.					
Elina Svitolina (4), Ukraine, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-3, 6-0.					
Johanna Konta (6), Britain, def. Donna Vekic, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 10-8.					
Dominika Cibulkova (8), Slovakia, def. Jennifer Brady, United States, 6-4, 6-4.					
Venus Williams (10), United States, def. Wang Qiang, China, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.					
Petra Kvitova (11), Czech Republic, lost to Madison Brengle, United States, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.					
Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia (13), def. Francoise Abanda, Canada, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.					
Elena Vesnina (15), Russia, lost to Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 6-3, 6-3.					
Madison Keys (17), United States, lost to Camilla Giorgi, Italy, 6-4, 6-7 (10), 6-1.					
Anastasija Sevastova (18), Latvia, lost to Heather Watson, Britain, 6-0, 6-4.					
Caroline Garcia (21), France, def. Ana Bogdan, Romania, 6-4, 6-3.					
Barbora Strycova (22), Czech Republic, lost to Naomi Osaka, Japan, 6-1, 0-6, 6-4.					
Carla Suarez Navarro (25), Spain, lost to Peng Shuai, China, 6-2, 6-2.					
Ana Konjuh (27), Croatia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-3.					