

PENDLETON

Bucks working to rebound



Pendleton’s Kirk Liscom (21), Cam Sandford and Bendon Bedolla wrap up La Grande’s Isaac Chamberlain in the Bucks’ 36-29 loss to the Tigers on Sept. 2 in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Stuck indoors, Pendleton prepares for battle with Putnam

Football

**Putnam Kingsmen**
(1-0)

**Pendleton Buckaroos**
(0-1)

- Friday, 7 p.m.
- at Pendleton High School

By ERIC SINGER

East Oregonian

After Pendleton’s Week 1 loss to La Grande, the Buckaroos (0-1) had hoped to get right back on the practice field to fix their issues prior to Week 2. However, smoke from raging

wildfires all over the Northwest has crowded the air and has severely limited the ability for teams like Pendleton to spend time on the practice field. The Buckaroos, and just about every team in the state, have practiced the past two days indoors in the secondary gymnasium at the High School, donning

their helmets, shoulder pads and tennis shoes to try to get at least some work in as they prepare for Friday’s game against Rex Putnam. “The first two days of practice in the summer is what it’s feeling like right now because we’re so limited on what we can do,”

See BUCKS/2B

HERMISTON

Bulldogs ready for home opener

Hermiston hoping air conditions improve enough to host Lewiston

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ

East Oregonian

The Oregon Farewell Tour continues this week for Hermiston, well maybe. The Bulldogs football team hopes the air quality improves by Friday as it hosts its first competitor of the new season at Kennison Field. The Bulldogs (0-1) will welcome the Lewiston (ID) Bengals, who have one more game under their belt and come to town with a 1-1 record and a new head coach in Matt Pancheri. Hermiston isn’t worried, though. Despite having to hold practice inside of the school’s gymnasium the past couple of days and the uncertainty of mother nature, head coach David Faateete is sticking to his mantra: attention to detail, execution, and championship performances whether it be on the gridiron or on a basketball court. Faateete and the rest of his squad

Football

**Lewiston (ID) Bengals**
(1-1)

**Hermiston Bulldogs**
(0-1)

- Fri., 7 p.m.
- Kennison Field in Hermiston
- Radio: 1360 KOHU

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Staff photo by Eric Singer

Hermiston senior DB/WR Joey Gutierrez returns a kick during an August practice at Kennison Field.

MLB

Maybin’s homer in 9th lifts Houston past Seattle

Mariners slide to 3½ games back in Wild Card standings

By JIM HOEHN

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Newly acquired Cameron Maybin hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Houston past the Seattle Mariners 5-3 on Wednesday night, as the Astros completed a three-game sweep to extend their winning streak to seven.

**Houston**
5

**Seattle**
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Carlos Beltran opened the ninth with a double down the left-field line off closer Edwin Diaz (3-6), who relieved to start the inning. Jake Marisnick ran for Beltran and advanced to third on Max Stassi’s groundout to short. Maybin, claimed off waivers last week from the Los Angeles Angels, then lofted a 1-0 pitch

into the right-field corner for his ninth home run and second game-winner in as many nights. Maybin also hit a two-run homer Tuesday that gave the Astros a 3-1 victory. Chris Devenski (8-3) pitched the final 1 1/3 innings for the win. Seattle erased a 2-1 deficit with two runs in the sixth off Lance McCullers Jr., activated off the disabled list earlier in the day for his first start since July 30. Jean Segura tripled to open the sixth and came home on Robinson Cano’s one-out RBI single. Nelson Cruz singled,

chasing McCullers. Mitch Haniger’s RBI single off Will Harris made it 3-2. Houston tied it in the seventh on a double by Marwin Gonzalez and RBI single by George Springer. McCullers, an All-Star for the first time this season, did not allow a hit until Kyle Seager opened the fifth with his 22nd homer, his third in three games. McCullers allowed three runs and four hits in 5 1/3 innings, striking out four and walking one in a 76-pitch outing.

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NFL

Seahawks’ Bennett says he feared death by Las Vegas police

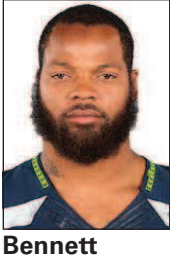
Accuses police of racially motivated excessive force use

By KEN RITTER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett accused

Las Vegas police on Wednesday of racially motivated excessive force, saying he was threatened at gunpoint and handcuffed following a report of gunshots at an after-hours club at a casino-hotel. Police said they’re investigating, but that Bennett



Bennett

failed to stop for officers searching a crowded casino for what they believed to be an active shooter just hours after the Aug. 26 boxing match between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Conor McGregor. “I believe this case will become completely clear as all the available

video is reviewed for evidentiary purposes,” Clark County Undersheriff Kevin McMahon told reporters. “We’ll see very, very clearly exactly what happened on this incident.” Bennett said on a Twitter message titled “Dear World,” that police “singled me out and pointed their guns at me for doing nothing more than simply being a black man in

the wrong place at the wrong time.” McMahon aired a lengthy video clip taken from a police sergeant’s body camera during a search of the Cromwell casino after a report of gunfire at the Drai’s nightclub. But he said at least one officer who encountered Bennett didn’t have his body camera on at the time. Bennett isn’t seen until the

very end of the clip — being handcuffed as he lies prone in a traffic lane on Las Vegas Boulevard. McMahon said that with an internal affairs investigation just beginning, he saw “no evidence that race played any role in this incident.” Police and casino officials later attributed the report of

See BENNETT/3B

Sports shorts

Cleveland matches franchise record with 14th straight victory

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Carrasco allowed three hits in a complete game, giving the Cleveland Indians their 14th straight win in a 5-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday night. Cleveland equaled its longest winning streak in franchise history and also won its 10th straight road game as the right-hander lost his shutout with two outs in the ninth inning when Adam Engel homered. Carrasco (14-6) faced 28 batters and threw 97 pitches in his eighth career complete game, throwing 76 strikes. Carlos Santana hit a two-run home run as Cleveland added three runs in the eighth inning to break open a 1-0 game. The streak is MLB’s longest this season and the Indians have a chance to set a franchise record with 15 straight on Thursday in Chicago.



“This is probably the last benchmark. This is my thing. This is what I worked for all offseason to be prepared for. I can’t wait. It’s been a long road. I look forward to being out there and having fun.”

— Marcus Mariota

Tennessee Titans QB will return to the football field for a regular season game for the first time on Sept. 10 since breaking his leg during a 2016 game on Christmas Eve.

US Open has all-American lineup in women’s semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — In the US Open women’s quarterfinals on Wednesday, 15th-seeded Madison Keys completed an all-American lineup in the final four with a dominating 6-3, 6-3 victory over 418th-ranked qualifier Kaia Kanepi of Estonia in only 69 minutes Wednesday night. Earlier, No. 20 CoCo Vandeweghe knocked off top-seeded Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (4), 6-3. Keys and Vandeweghe will meet Thursday to determine which reaches her first Grand Slam final. Venus Williams and Sloane Stephens set up their all-U.S. semifinal with victories Tuesday. It is the first time since 1981 that all four women’s semifinalists in New York are from the host country. “American tennis,” Stephens said, “is headed in the right direction.”



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1993 — Mark Whiten of the St. Louis Cardinals has the greatest game at the plate in major league history In the 15-2 win against Cincinnati. Whiten hits four home runs and drives in 12 runs, becoming the only player to accomplish both feats in one game. 2001 — Venus Williams and Serena Williams reach the finals of the U.S. Open and become the first sisters to play for a Grand Slam championship in more than 100 years. Venus defeats Jennifer Capriati 6-4, 6-2, after Serena powers her way past top-seeded Martina Hingis 6-3, 6-2 in 51 minutes. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com