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HERMISTON

James helps Dawgs to title game



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Hermiston's Andrew James carries the ball during the Bulldogs' 35-27 win over Wilsonville in the 5A semifinals on Saturday in Hillsboro.

Junior QB continues to show maturation during playoff run

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Carrying the lead but losing momentum, Andrew James and the Hermiston Bulldogs were facing a 3rd-and-10 from midfield as the time on the fourth quarter clock slowly ticked away.

The Bulldogs were grasping tight to a 29-20 lead in the Class 5A semifinal game on Saturday, and a failure to pick up the first down would give Wilsonville the ball back with plenty of time to make a dent in its deficit. However, there was no panic amongst the Bulldogs on the field or sidelines. James, the Bulldogs' junior quarterback, relayed the play to his team, walked to the line and surveyed the defense. He received the snap, made a quick three-step drop and threw a confident throw to a wide-open Dayshawn Neal for a 19-yard gain and a crucial first down.

The throw was just one of the



Photo courtesy Chase Allgood/The Oregonian

Hermiston's Dayshawn Neal, left, Joe Gutierrez, center, and Daniel Faaeteete, right, celebrate after Hermiston's 35-27 win over Wilsonville in the 5A state semifinal on Saturday night in Hillsboro.

10 passes James completed, but perhaps none was more important. It set up Hermiston's final score of the game as the Bulldogs defeated

Wilsonville 35-27 to advance to the Class 5A state championship game under the lights of Hillsboro Stadium.

5A Semifinal



"That play, we knew it was going to be there," Hermiston coach David Faaeteete said. "We knew he (Andrew) could make the throw, we knew Dayshawn was going to catch the ball, we knew he was going to be open."

The clutch play was the latest example of the maturation of James as a quarterback for the Bulldogs. As a sophomore last season, James flashed his potential throughout Hermiston's 10-game season, throwing for more than 1,900 yards with 18 touchdowns while rushing for 624 more yards with another seven touchdowns. But throughout the same games, he also showed the

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Pro Basketball

Portland puts away Memphis

McCollum leads team with 24 points

By CLAY BAILEY
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — C. J. McCollum scored 24 points and Damian Lillard added 21 points as the Portland Trail Blazers sent Memphis to its fifth straight loss with a 100-92 victory over the Grizzlies on Monday night.

Shabazz Napier added 16 points, while Noah Vonleh finished with 11 points and 18 rebounds for Portland, which won its second straight and fourth in the last five.

Mario Chalmers led Memphis with 21 points, while Tyreke Evans finished with 20. Marc Gasol had 19 points and 12 rebounds, but was 7 of 20 from the floor, part of the Grizzlies shooting 38 percent for the game, and 27 percent from outside the arc.

The teams were tied at 80 with 6:47 left after Gasol split a pair of free throws. But Jusuf Nurkic, who had 10 points, converted a 3-point play and put the Trail Blazers ahead for good.

Portland controlled the boards 60-35, including 15 on the offensive glass.

Portland dominated the game in the first half, but Memphis was able to chip away at the advantage in the third quarter. A 17-7 run pulled the Grizzlies even in the latter stages of the third.

The Trail Blazers were able to retain a 72-71 lead after three.

Portland took the lead to as many as 13 in the second quarter as the Grizzlies continually misfired on their shots. Memphis was 6 of 23 in the quarter as Portland

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Ryan helps Falcons hold off Seahawks

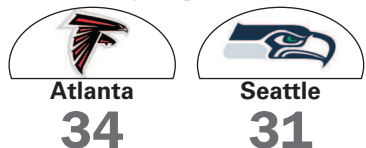
Early deficit proves too big for Seattle to erase

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Matt Ryan threw a pair of touchdown passes, Adrian Clayborn returned a fumble 10 yards for a score and the Atlanta Falcons held off a late rally to beat the Seattle Seahawks 34-31 on Monday night.

Atlanta stayed in the hunt for an NFC playoff spot thanks to its second straight victory and handed Seattle a second consecutive home loss. Ryan threw TDs

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to Mohamed Sanu and Levine Toilolo, while Tevin Coleman added a 1-yard TD run on Atlanta's opening possession. But it was Clayborn's fumble return that helped break the game open early in the second quarter and gave Atlanta a 21-7 lead. He scooped up a loose ball after Russell Wilson was crunched by Takk McKinley and Courtney Upshaw. Seattle attempted a late rally

down by 11 points. Wilson hit Doug Baldwin on a 29-yard TD with 3 minutes left, and Seattle got in range for a long field goal attempt by Blair Walsh in the closing moments, but his 52-yard attempt with 2 seconds left came up short and Atlanta escaped with the victory.

Wilson again was the entirety of Seattle's offense, throwing for 258 yards and two touchdowns, and running for another 86 yards and a TD.

But it was an awful night for the Seahawks, filled with more injuries and questionable decisions by coach Pete Carroll. He

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Atlanta Falcons' Julio Jones pulls down a pass in front of Seattle Seahawks' Jeremy Lane in the second half of Monday's game in Seattle.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Sports shorts

Former NFL WR dies in car accident

DALLAS (AP) — Officials say former Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn has died following a one-vehicle rollover traffic accident near Dallas that left his fiancée slightly hurt.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's office says Glenn died shortly before 1 a.m. Monday at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. The ex-Ohio State standout was 43.

Irving police are investigating the cause of the wreck at 12:18 a.m. on eastbound Highway 114. Police spokeswoman Chelsey Jones says Glenn, who lived in the Dallas area, was driving when the vehicle left the highway, struck a concrete barrier and rolled. Glenn was ejected. Jones says his fiancée suffered minor injuries. Further details weren't released.

Glenn played 12 seasons in the NFL, from 1996 to 2007, with the New England Patriots, the Green Bay Packers and the Cowboys.



Glenn

"It was a good trip but it took a lot out of us. It's a lot. We spent a lot of time talking about altitude, about hydration, about food, water, training elements -- much more so than, say, Denver. Pick another city that has some similarities, but it is quite a bit different."

— Bill Belichick

New England Patriots head coach expressing some displeasure with his team's game against the Oakland Raiders in Mexico City, Mexico on Sunday. New England won the game 33-8.

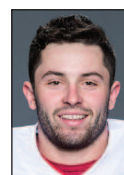
Oklahoma star QB Mayfield benched after lewd gesture

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield will not start his final regular-season game Saturday at home against West Virginia after making a lewd gesture against Kansas.

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley also stripped the senior of his captain status for the game.

Kansas team captains did not shake hands with Mayfield before last Saturday's game. After getting slighted, Mayfield jawed with the Jayhawks and some fans seated behind the Oklahoma bench. He also grabbed his crotch during the Sooners' 41-3 win. Mayfield apologized afterward.

Kansas coach David Beaty has apologized for himself and his captains, saying he wasn't aware the captains weren't going to shake hands.



Mayfield

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1971 — The New York Rangers score eight goals in the third period of a 12-1 rout over the California Seals.

1982 — The NFL resumes play after seven weeks of the season were canceled when the NFL Players Association went on strike Sept. 23.

2004 — New York Jets running back Curtis Martin gains over 1,000 yards this season in the first quarter of a 10-7 win over Cleveland to join Hall of Famer Barry Sanders as the only players in NFL history to begin their careers with 10 straight 1,000-yard seasons.

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