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## PENDLETON

# Talbot resigns as boys soccer coach

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After five seasons leading the Pendleton varsity boys soccer team, Jeremy Talbot is stepping aside.

The Buckaroo coach recently submitted his resignation to the Pendleton school board, who will vote on it at its meeting on Dec. 5. Talbot said on Friday that he was motivated to resign as he and his wife are going through the process of expanding their family and would likely not be able to devote the amount of time needed to coaching the team.

However, he still plans on volunteering in a lesser role within the Pendleton soccer program and will remain a volunteer with Pendleton Youth Soccer Association and the Parks and Recreation leagues.

Pendleton athletic director Troy Jerome said that the search for a new coach is in a bit of a holding pattern at the moment. The school would prefer the new coach to also be a teacher within the district to "see the kids and work with the kids every day," Jerome said, but added it was not yet known at this time what

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## Prep Roundup

# Knights stun TigerScots

Burns, Davis lead Irrigon to victory

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The Irrigon girls basketball team went to the fourth quarter trailing the Weston-McEwen TigerScots 46-34 and knew they needed to change things up to get a win.

The Knights pulled out a full-court pressure defense which threw the TigerScots off instantly and swung the game in the Knights' favor as Irrigon outscored Weston-McEwen 20-6 in the final frame to steal a 54-52 victory at the Lone Basketball Bonanza on Friday.

"We really struggled against their press," Weston-McEwen coach Mike Giusti said. "They (Irrigon) sped us up and we tried to hurry and we weren't sure of where to go because we haven't had much time to work on that yet."

Jada Burns scored 17 to lead the Knights (2-0) and following her were Taylor Davis with 10 and Alyia Munoz with eight. For the TigerScots (0-2) Katie

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## Sports shorts

### Yankees pick Boone as manager

NEW YORK (AP) — Multiple media outlets report that the New York Yankees have picked ESPN broadcaster Aaron Boone to succeed Joe Girardi as manager.

The decision was first reported by former New York Daily News columnist Bill Madden.

Now 44, Boone has never been a manager or even a coach at any level since retiring as a player after the 2009 season. His 11th-inning home run off Boston's Tim Wakefield won Game 7 of the AL Championship Series for the Yankees against Boston.

Boone's father, Bob, managed Kansas City from 1995-97 and Cincinnati from 2001-03.

Aaron Boone was a big league third baseman from 1997-2009 and an All-Star in 2003, when New York acquired him from the Reds at the trade deadline.



Boone

"Staying aggressive. Staying positive. The coaching staff told me to keep shooting."

— Zach Norvell Jr.  
The Gonzaga freshman said after overcoming shooting woes in the first half of the Bulldogs' 91-74 win over No. 25 Creighton on Friday night. Norvell Jr. missed all five of his shots in the first half, but didn't miss many in the second half, where he scored all 21 of his points.

## HERMISTON

# Wildcats stifle Bulldogs



Hermiston's Sydney Stefani drives the ball between Wilsonville's Emilia Bishop and Reese Timm (5) in the Bulldogs' 55-46 loss to the Wildcats on Friday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Hermiston shows improvement in loss to Wilsonville

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ  
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HERMISTON — After the Hermiston girls basketball team's 40-29 loss to open the season Wednesday, they asked head coach Juan Rodriguez for a tough practice the following day.

The Bulldogs got just that and it showed on the court in their home opener. Despite the 55-46 loss at the hands of Wilsonville at the Dawg House, Hermiston efforts improved

tenfold.

"This game is 10 times better than the one we played on Wednesday," Rodriguez said. "We got out on the floor and ran, we played great defense. Wilsonville is a good team and they hit good shots and they put us in bad situations."


The Bulldogs (0-2) didn't have to climb their way back up the scoreboard for the entire 32 minutes.

Hermiston opened the game with a 15-4 lead after the first quarter. The Bulldogs held the Wildcats (1-0) scoreless until they went to the free-throw line three minutes into the game. It was at the charity stripe that Wilsonville proved most effective, making 21-of-29 attempts when it was all said and done.

The Bulldogs managed to hold on to their lead until the Wildcats became a threat half way through the second quarter. A strong defensive effort from Hermiston kept Wilsonville's offense at bay until some sloppy mistakes gave the Wildcats their chance to top the scoreboard.

A 14-4 run before halftime put Wilsonville up 25-23 after two quarters of play. The Wildcats

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	Wilsonville
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	Hermiston
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## College Football

# USC holds off Stanford to win Pac-12 championship

Darnold throws for 325 yards and two scores

By JOSH DUBOW  
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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Sam Darnold threw for 325 yards and two touchdowns and engineered a back-breaking 99-yard drive in the fourth quarter to lead No. 11 Southern California to a 31-28 victory over No. 14 Stanford in the Pac-12 championship game on Friday night.

Darnold threw touchdown passes to Michael Pittman Jr. and Tyler Vaughns to stake the Trojans (11-2, No. 10 CFP) to the lead. He then delivered one of the biggest plays of the game when he stepped up to avoid pressure in the end zone before connecting on a 54-yard pass to Pittman to spark the key



USC running back Ronald Jones II, top, dives toward the end zone during Friday's Pac-12 championship game in Santa Clara, Calif.

AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez



touchdown drive in the fourth.

Ronald Jones finished that drive with an 8-yard run that made it 31-21 to cap a productive night where he ran for 140 yards and two touchdowns to give USC its first win in a Pac-12 championship game.

The long drive came after USC

stuffed Stanford (9-4, No. 12) at the goal line to preserve the lead. With Bryce Love nursing an injured ankle on the sideline, Cameron Scarlett was stopped on successive runs from inside the 2, including a fourth-down try from the 1 that was stopped by Uchenna Nwosu.

Darnold sealed the game with

Pac-12	
	
Stanford	USC
28	31

a 15-yard pass to Josh Falo on fourth-and-2 to let USC run out the clock.

The win gives USC a season sweep against Stanford and will likely send the Trojans to the Fiesta Bowl. USC still holds out hope for a spot in the four-team playoff if there are several upsets in other conference title games on Saturday but the chances appear to be remote.

## UP NEXT

Both teams will get their bowl bids on Sunday with USC likely headed to the Fiesta Bowl and Stanford expected to go to the Holiday Bowl.

### Athletes earn BMCC's first NWAC All-Region soccer honors

PENDLETON — On Friday, it was announced that four Blue Mountain Community College soccer players were named to the Northwest Athletic Conference All-Region Team. The four athletes from the school's soccer teams are the first to be awarded this honor.

The girls program started in 2016 and the men's this year.

Honorees from the women's team include Kerrigan Hansen, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who was named to the Eastern Region team.

From the men's team, Any Corcuera, of Hermiston, Giovanni Madrigal, of Hermiston, and Brian Ramirez, of Pendleton, were also named to the Eastern Region team.

The Timberwolf men compiled a 1-10-1 overall record in its debut season, while the women finished 0-14.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1995 — Notre Dame advances to the NCAA women's soccer championship by becoming the first team to beat 13-time champion North Carolina in the national semi-finals.

2002 — Oakland's Tim Brown and Jerry Rice take turns rewriting the NFL record book in a 26-20 win over the New York Jets. Brown becomes the third player with 1,000 receptions and the third with 14,000 yards receiving.

2015 — Stephen Curry scores 40 points in three quarters and the Golden State Warriors defeat the Charlotte Hornets 116-99 to extend the best start in NBA history to 20-0.

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