

Washington State QB Tyler Hilinski found dead

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Washington State quarterback Tyler Hilinski has died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The 21-year-old Hilinski was discovered in his apartment after he didn't show up for practice Tuesday. A rifle "was recovered next to Hilinski and a suicide note was found," according to the Pullman Police Department. "We are deeply saddened to hear the news of Tyler's passing," Washington State coach Mike Leach said in a statement. "He was an incredible young man and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him was better for it. The entire WSU community mourns as thoughts and prayers go out to his family." Hilinski was the presumptive starting quarterback



In this Sept. 17, 2016 file photo, Washington State quarterback Tyler Hilinski (3) runs onto the field with his teammates before an NCAA college football game against Idaho in Pullman, Wash. Hilinski has died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

going into next season. He started Washington State's Holiday Bowl loss to Michigan State after Luke Falk was unable to play due to a wrist injury. "The tragic news today surrounding Tyler Hilinski is

devastating to all. Tyler was a tremendous individual, great friend and teammate, and he will be deeply missed. Our hearts go out to his family and friends," interim athletic director John Johnson said. "Earlier tonight, the football team was brought together and informed of the tragedy. There, they were met by campus and department counseling and psychological services, including athletics' on-staff clinical psychologist and a licensed mental health counselor, along with WSU Athletics' medical team. The university will continue to coordinate and provide ongoing counseling care for all student-athletes as long as needed." Hilinski appeared in eight games during his sophomore season, throwing for 1,176 yards and seven touchdowns.

His most memorable outing came in the second week of the season when he led Washington State from a 21-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Boise State 47-44 in triple overtime. Hilinski threw for 240 yards and three touchdowns coming off the bench, and was carried off the field after the victory. His only start came in the bowl game against Michigan State, although he played extensively in a loss to Arizona. Former Washington State linebackers coach Roy Manning, who recently left for a position at UCLA, tweeted, "Words can't describe what I'm feeling right now. My heart is beyond saddened. Please pray for the family and all of us affected!" Washington State's

players took to social media in reaction to Hilinski's death. "Ty you were a great teammate, friend, brother anything we needed you to be. You brought smiles to the people around you. I am sorry I could not be there for you when you needed a smile for yourself. Love you man," defensive back Skyler Thomas wrote on Twitter. Fellow quarterback John Bledsoe also wrote on Twitter, "God, let Tyler find peace. Everyone please pray for the Hilinski family tonight. Heaven received a very special person." Hilinski is from Claremont, California, and went to high school at nearby Upland. He arrived on campus in 2015 and redshirted before appearing in four games in 2016.

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3-point of the night. Ortiz led the team with 29 points, while Smith was the only other player to hit double digits with 11. The Tigers (10-7) struggled to get anything going in the opening eight minutes. Their first basket was a free throw from GT Blackman, who finished with 15 points, but that was nearly three minutes into the game. La Grande's top scorer Kaden Chandler was just one of three players to score in the first quarter for the Tigers. Chandler finished with 20 points, 14 of which were in the second half. It would take La Grande nearly two full quarters to finally find its rhythm. The Tigers went on 9-2 run to cut their deficit to only five points going into the break. Hermiston had a tight grip on its 28-23 lead, something they weren't able to come by so quickly on the road against La Grande. The two teams traded buckets in the third quarter, but the Tigers never quite got within reach. It was only after another short run capped off by Cade Reed dishing in the layup as time expired that La Grande was back in it. "I was about ready to sit down, I thought we'd have a 10 point lead and stretch it to 12 but they play hard," Arstein said. The Tigers would cut the lead down to as little as two points, but the Bulldogs didn't budge. Hermiston played sound, smart ball the last few minutes — something that was a rarity early in the season — and with the help of some clutch free throws from Smith and



Hermiston's Jordan Thomas (34) goes up for a jumper Tuesday against La Grande at the Dawg House.

Andrew Earl, the Bulldogs held on to the lead. Earl's efforts off the bench was the highlight of Hermiston's defense. Despite some missed opportunities by the sophomore in the first half, Earl had to back-to-back buckets to put the Bulldogs up by two possessions. Then, on the final inbound with 7.6 seconds left on the clock, Earl jumped in front of a Tiger for a steal and was fouled on his breakaway to the basket. He sunk both and pushed the lead to 66-59. La Grande hit a three to eclipse 60 points in the final two seconds, but Earl had

already sealed the deal. "He's an athletic kid, only a sophomore, and it's nice to have a kid off the bench to provide a spark and he's very quick when he wants to be," Arstein said of Earl. Arstein dug deep into his bench, playing 10 of his 13 players. And for the guys who didn't touch the rock, their efforts were still noted. Hermiston will stay at home, bringing the momentum of its first win in nearly three weeks to the league opener. The Bulldogs will host The Dalles Riverhawks at 7 p.m. Friday.



Andrew Earl, of Hermiston, drives to the basket during Tuesday's game against La Grande at the Dawg House.

Girls basketball Hermiston got its first win of the new year Saturday against the Tigers, and earned the sweep after a 50-41 victory at home. "Any type of win for us right now is helpful," head coach Juan Rodriguez said with a smile. It was one of Hermiston's better starts, although it wasn't the prettiest of performances overall. The Bulldogs (4-11) got off to a 22-2 lead after the first quarter, and pushed the pace to frustrate the Tigers (7-9). "Tonight we came out fast,

kind of like what I expected," Rodriguez said. It took La Grande nearly half the first quarter to score its first basketball, a lay-in from Ella Dunlap — who finished with 11 points. That's all the Tigers would get while Hermiston's Hannah Thompson led the Bulldogs' efforts. The senior scored eight of her 10 points in the opening quarter, two being back-to-back three's. Only one other player would reach double figures for Hermiston, and that was Jordan Thomas with a game-high 22 points.

"Jordan has come a long ways," Rodriguez said. "She's finally developing that aggressiveness that we need from her and she's establishing herself down low, and not only that but she's finishing which is big." The Tigers continued to struggled until the final minutes of the second quarter, when La Grande went on a 9-5 to cut its deficit to 29-13 going into halftime. That momentum stuck with the visiting team, as it opened the third quarter with a quick 9-2 run to trail by nine, 35-24. "We just got tired and didn't deny (Camryn Collman) the ball as well, and didn't keep her on the side of the court. She got loose, and when she gets loose she scores and does things like that. Honestly, defensively we just stopped executing from the second quarter on." Despite not getting a shot off in the first quarter, Collman — who led the team with 16 points — was key in La Grande's efforts late in the game. Nearly all of her points came in the second half, 12-of-16 to be exact, and she was able pull the Tigers within two possessions after nailed both her free throws with only 37.2 seconds left. The Bulldogs, who have struggled from the charity stripe, made three of four free throws in the final 18 seconds to build up its lead. Hermiston will start league play on the road in The Dalles, and will return home on Jan. 26 to welcome Hood River Valley. *Contact Alexis at amansanarez@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4542. Follow her on Twitter @almansanarez.*

ROUNDUP: Baker gets best of Pendleton in final non-conference tune-up

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RIVERSIDE 60, STANFIELD 46 — The Riverside Pirates have had more losses than wins as of late, but a strong performance at home led by Christian Rea — who finished the night with a double-double led Riverside to a 60-46 victory over Stanfield. Riverside jumped out to a commanding 27-11 lead after the first quarter and never let up.

Rea finished with 16 points and 11 steals and got some help from Mario Madrigal, who was the only other Pirate (8-8) to finish in single digits. For Stanfield, the Tigers (8-10) looked to the reliable Brody Woods, who ended the night with 15 points. The Tigers will return home, and with it jump right back into league play. Stanfield will welcome Weston-McEwen for a 4 p.m. tipoff Saturday.

The Pirates will also have the home-court advantage for their next four games. Up first, a matchup against Vale at 7:30 p.m. Friday. **Girls basketball** **BAKER 56, PENDLETON 41** — At Baker, Pendleton was bested by a strong closing performance from the home team. Baker was able to extend its lead by over 10 points going into halftime, and never let up as the Bulldogs defeated the

Buckaroos 56-41. "Baker is a really food team," head coach Kevin Porter said. "We weren't full strength, which isn't an excuse. ... It was a tough matchup." Pendleton was able to stay toe-to-toe in the first quarter, and got out to a quick 10-9 lead. But a 19-point performance in the second and a total of 18 point in the third gave Baker a 46-28 lead going into the final quarter. Leading the Bulldogs

(15-1) was Kaeli Flanagan with 21 points. For the Buckaroos (8-6), Kalan McGlothlin finished with a team-high 14 points and 12 rebounds. Pendleton has made it through its non-league schedule, and will start league play on Friday at home. The Bucks will face off against Hood River Valley at 7 p.m. **RIVERSIDE 45, STANFIELD 8** — Riverside was dominant on Tuesday night

against Stanfield. Hosting the Tigers, the Pirates held the visitors to zero points in the fourth quarter on the way to a 45-8 victory. Abby Hernandez was Riverside's best leading scorer with 13 points, while Stanfield's Kendra Hart finished with a team-best of only four. Stanfield will hit the court again Saturday, facing Weston-McEwen at 5:30 in Stanfield. For Riverside, Vale will travel to Boardman for a 6 p.m. matchup Friday.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday

Heppner at Culver, 4:30 p.m.

Pendleton at Hood River, 7 p.m.

Friday

The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.

Joseph at Nixyaawii, 7 p.m.

Nyssa at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.

Vale at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.

Burns at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.

Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.

Arlington at Mitchell/Spray, 7:30 p.m.

Echo at Cove, 7:30 p.m.

Pine Eagle at Helix, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Vale at Umatilla, 3 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 4 p.m.

Heppner at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

Ontario at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.

Nyssa at Riverside, 4:30 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 5 p.m.

Helix at Echo, 5 p.m.

Condon/Wheeler at Horizon Christian, 5:30 p.m.

Arlington at South Wasco, 5:30 p.m.

Sherman at Ione, 5:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday

Heppner at Culver, 6 p.m.

Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

Friday

Pine Eagle at Helix, 5 p.m.

Burns at Irrigon, 6 p.m.

Vale at Riverside, 6 p.m.

Nyssa at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.

Arlington at Mitchell/Spray, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday

Pendleton at Hood River, TBD

Hermiston at The Dalles, TBD

Thursday

Mac-Hi at Baker, 5 p.m.

Friday

Heppner at Grant Union Tournament

Echo at Padilla Invite (ID)

Hermiston at Liberty Invitational

Saturday

Mac-Hi, Riverside, Irrigon, Echo at Heppner Tournament

Hermiston at Liberty Invitational

Pendleton at Wilsonville Invite

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday

Pendleton, Hermiston at Hood River Valley

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday

EOU at Corban, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday

EOU at Corban, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

EOU vs. Warner Pacific/Embry-Riddle (AZ) (at Portland), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Saturday

EOU vs. Warner Pacific/Embry-Riddle (AZ) (at Portland), 1 p.m.

Prep Scores

Boys Basketball

Tuesday

Ione 66, Mitchell/Spray 51

Liberty 64, Hood River 55

Mountain View 71, Bend 53

Ontario 37, New Plymouth, Idaho 32

Pendleton 50, Baker 49

Prairie City 74, Burnt River 29

Riverside 80, Stanfield 46

Sherman 68, Dufur 37

Girls Basketball

Tuesday

Baker 56, Pendleton 41

Bend 47, Mountain View 40

DeSales, Wash. 30, McLoughlin 25

Grant Union 54, Burns 43

Ione 51, Mitchell/Spray 42

New Plymouth, Idaho 59, Ontario 40

Prairie City 44, Burnt River 16

Riverside 45, Stanfield 8

Sherman 49, Dufur 39

The Dalles 44, Summit 43

Vale 35, Weiser, Idaho 29

Weston-McEwen 61, Waitsburg, Wash. 37

Basketball

NBA

Atlantic

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Pct

GB

Boston

34

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Toronto

29

13

.690

3½

Philadelphia

20

20

.500

11½

New York

20

24

.455

13½

Brooklyn

16

28

.364

17½

Southeast

W

L

Pct

GB

Miami

25

18

.581

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Washington

25

19

.568

½

Charlotte

17

25

.405

7½

Orlando

13

31

.295

12½

Atlanta

12

31

.279

13

Central

W

L

Pct

GB

Cleveland

26

17

.605

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Indiana

24

20

.545

2½

Milwaukee

23

20

.535

3

Detroit

22

20

.524

3½

Chicago

17

27

.386

9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Thursday

Southwest

W

L

Pct

GB

Houston

30

12

.714

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San Antonio

29

16

.644

2½

New Orleans

23

20

.535

7½

Memphis

14

28

.333

16

Dallas

15

30

.333

16½

Northwest

W

L

Pct

GB

Minnesota

29

17

.630

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Oklahoma City

24

20

.545

4

Portland

23

21

.523

5

Denver

23

21

.523

5

Utah

17

26

.395

10½

Pacific

W

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Pct

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Golden State

36

9

.800

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L.A. Clippers

22

21

.512

13

Phoenix

16

29

.356

20

L.A. Lakers

15

28

.349

20

Sacramento

13

30

.302

22

Tuesday's Games

Orlando 108, Minnesota 102

New Orleans 116, Boston 113, OT

Denver 105, Dallas 102

Portland 118, Phoenix 111

Wednesday's Games

Washington at Charlotte, 4 p.m.

Detroit at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.

New Orleans at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.

Golden State at Chicago, 5 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.

Miami at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.

New York at Memphis, 5 p.m.

Utah at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

Denver at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Orlando at Cleveland, 4 p.m.

Philadelphia at Boston, 4 p.m.

Minnesota at Houston, 6:30 p.m.

Indiana at Portland, 7 p.m.

NCAA Men's Basketball

Top 25 Schedule

Tuesday

No. 12 Cincinnati at UCF, 4 p.m. (CBSSN)

No. 20 Clemson at No. 15 North Carolina, 4 p.m.

Wisconsin at No. 3 Purdue, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 18 Kentucky at South Carolina, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 4 Oklahoma at Kansas State, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday

No. 1 Villanova at Georgetown, 3:30 p.m. (FS1)

No. 17 Auburn at Alabama, 4 p.m. (SECN)

SMU at No. 7 Wichita State, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 8 Texas Tech at Texas, 5 p.m. (LHN)

No. 19 Seton Hall at Creighton, 5:30 p.m. (FS1)

St. John's at No. 11 Xavier, 5:30 p.m. (CBSSN)

No. 22 OSU at Northwestern, 6 p.m. (BTN)

No. 21 Tennessee at Missouri, 6 p.m. (SECN)

No. 14 Arizona at Cal, 6 p.m. (PAC12)

Iowa State at No. 24 TCU, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 16 Arizona State at Stanford, 8 p.m. (PAC12)

Pac-12 Schedule

Wednesday

No. 14 Arizona at Cal, 6 p.m. (PAC12)

No. 16 Arizona State at Stanford, 8 p.m. (PAC12)

NCAA Women's Basketball

Top 25 Schedule

Tuesday

Indiana at No. 14 Maryland, 4 p.m.

No. 19 Michigan at No. 8 Ohio St., 4 p.m.

No. 20 Iowa at Nebraska, 5 p.m.

Wednesday

No. 17 West Virginia at No. 12 Oklahoma State, 5 p.m.

No. 4 Baylor at Iowa State, 6 p.m.

Pac-12 Schedule

Wednesday

Washington at Washington St., 7 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis 2, Toronto 1, OT

New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 1

N.Y. Rangers 5, Philadelphia 1

Dallas 4, Detroit 2

Nashville 1, Vegas 0

San Jose 3, Arizona 2, SO