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## Prep Football



Bower

## PHS's Bower commits to Pacific

After a number of offers, Bower decided to stay local and play for Boxers

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PENDLETON — The Buckaroos' quarterback, Nick Bower, cemented the next step in his football career Tuesday by committing to Pacific University.

The senior started building a relationship with head coach Keith Buckley and the rest of Pacific's coaching staff since his junior year, and the amount of interest from Buckley played a key role in Bower's decision.

"It felt like home," Bower said regarding his visit to the campus in the heart of Forest Grove.

Pacific is a Division III school about 320 miles from Pendleton. Buckley, who is the only coach the Boxers have had since reviving the football program in 2010, has a 23-16 overall record and has gone 16-11 in conference play over the past four years.

Bower's efforts off the field and in the classroom, earned him a \$18,000 scholarship. The Pacific Presidential Scholarship is a merit based scholarship awarded to students each year, which Bower was given behind a 3.78 GPA and 1180 SAT score.

Bower and receiver Shaw Jerome, who committed to Western Oregon in December, will be hosting a signing party on Feb. 7 at Big Johns Pizza.

## HERMISTON



Hood River's Nathan Quintanilla grimaces as Hermiston's Zack Kirkpatrick pulls back on his chin in the 172-pound bout in the Bulldogs' dual-meet win against the Eagles on Wednesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Hermiston wins lone home dual

A good start and just as good of a finish put the Bulldogs over the edge

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ  
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — The Hermiston wrestling team hosted its lone dual meet of the year as Hood River Valley came to town Wednesday night. With a few marquee bouts in the lineup, the Bulldogs and Eagles were poised to put on a show, and they did not disappoint.

"I think we gave the crowd a good match," senior Joey Gutierrez said. "Everybody was yelling screaming for all of the matches. It was all-in-all pretty good."

Hermiston, the historically



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Daniel Faeteete rolls back onto Hood River's Tanner Fletcher in the 160-pound match of the Bulldogs' dual-meet win against the Eagles on Wednesday in Hermiston.

dominant wrestling team on this side of the state, was up early. A couple pins from the heavyweight class, two forfeits and a win by fall in the 113-pound division gave the Bulldogs an early 27-3 lead.

But Hood River claimed three

of the four next bouts to cut the deficit to 27-21.

The Bulldogs needed a final push, and got that when senior Adrian Tuia (145) took the mat. He was pitted against Cade Parker and Parker kept things close for the first two rounds.

Tuia got out to an early 4-1 lead after earning four takedown points with Parker getting only one for an escape. The scored stayed in Tuia's favor at 4-1 through the second round. Then, after notching two points on a reversal, Tuia ran away with the bout to win by a 8-2 decision.

Three more Hermiston victories followed to give the Bulldogs' the 45-21 win.

Two freshmen, Tyler Wagner (152) and Daniel Faeteete (160), drew some of the loudest cheers from the crowd.

First up was Wagner, who faced Hood River's Tristan Keely. After a dislocated finger on Keely's hand and a bloody nose that ended up saving Wagner from getting pinned, the Bulldog grinded it out for nearly the entire six minutes before winning by fall in 5:03.

"He was in a fight," head coach Kyle Larson said. "He could have easily, as a freshman, put his head down and got pinned ... right there but he fought and fought and fought and fought until the blood got him off his back."

"He was fighting, never gave up, easily could have given those guys six points, came through and then finished the match strong even after he lost all of his breath getting choked out on his back. Still came back, scored more points and won the match like he should. It

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## Prep Wrestling

## Bucks cruise to staggering win

Riverside comes out victorious in Echo dual

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PENDLETON — On Wednesday, the Pendleton Buckaroos hosted The Dalles in their first of two dual meets this season. The team was just days off a third place finish in the Colton Holly Memorial Tournament, and were ready to return to the mat.

But at Warberg Court,

half the squad didn't have to move a finger as Pendleton defeated the Riverhawks 64-6.

The first 30 points were earned by forfeit. It wasn't until the eighth bout that wrestlers from the each school faced each other.

Pendleton's Koby Jones (132) was up against Josiah Andersen, and took him down in 2:34.

Three of the next five Buckaroo wins would come by fall.

Alex Rendon (138) didn't need a full round to pin Andrew Richman,

ending his bout in 1:37. Blake Davis (145) continued Pendleton's shutout with a win by fall over Glenn Breckerfield in 4:32. Isaac Urbina (152) was the final Buck to win by fall, getting out of his match with Austin Green in 1:36.

Ian Bannister (160) faced The Dalles' Yordi Sanchez, and won by 15-2 major decision.

After another forfeit to put Pendleton up 64-0, The Dalles would final score its first points.

In the last match of

the night, JR Scott (182) trapped Kirk Liscom in just 45 seconds. The points allowed the Riverhawks to avoid a shutout, but by then Pendleton had already marked his record with a win.

The Bucks will compete again on Friday at the Panther Duals in Redmond.

ECHO — On Tuesday, Echo welcomed Riverside, Irrigon and Elgin for a duals meet. The statistics

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Staff photo by Kathy Avey

Pendleton's Ian Bannister muscles Yordi Sanchez, of the Dalles, onto the mat Wednesday on his way to winning the 160-pound match at Warberg Court.

## Sports shorts

### Edgar falls short of Hall again

SEATTLE (AP) — Edgar Martinez toiled for six years in the minors before finally becoming a major league regular in 1989.

He certainly knows all about waiting — and his bid for the Baseball Hall of Fame has been no different.

The former Seattle Mariners designated hitter and third baseman fell short again Wednesday, finishing with 70.4 percent of the vote in his ninth try. Players need 75 percent from the Baseball Writers' Association of America to make it to Cooperstown, and next year will be Martinez's last on the ballot. Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, Vladimir Guerrero and Trevor Hoffman were elected.

But it was the second consecutive year that yielded a significant jump for Martinez in his attempt to join Frank Thomas as the only inducted players who were primarily designated hitters.

### FACES



Martinez

"It takes some kind of sick perversion to not only assault a child but to do so with her parent in the room."

— Angela Povilaitis

Prosecutor in sports doctor Larry Nassar case after he was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison for sexually abusing young athletes. Story on Page 3B.

### Kremlin rejects talk of boycotting the Olympics

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin dismissed talk of an Olympic boycott on Wednesday despite some of Russia's top athletes being barred from competing at the Pyeongchang Games.

Several of the country's top medal hopes, including six-time short-track speedskating gold medalist Viktor Ahn, were barred from next month's games amid the country's ongoing doping scandal, which has already forced Russia to compete under a neutral flag.

Asked whether the Kremlin might consider a boycott in light of the new restrictions, Dmitry Peskov, spokesman for President Vladimir Putin, said "right now it is important to avoid words like 'boycott.'"



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1982 — Ray Wersching kicks a Super Bowl record-tying four field goals to help the San Francisco 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals 26-21.

1999 — David Duval shoots a magic number — a round of 59 that matches the best score in PGA Tour history. Duval surges from seven strokes off the pace for a one-stroke victory over Steve Pate in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

2010 — Kelly Kulick becomes the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, beating Chris Barnes in the final of the 45th Tournament of Champions.

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