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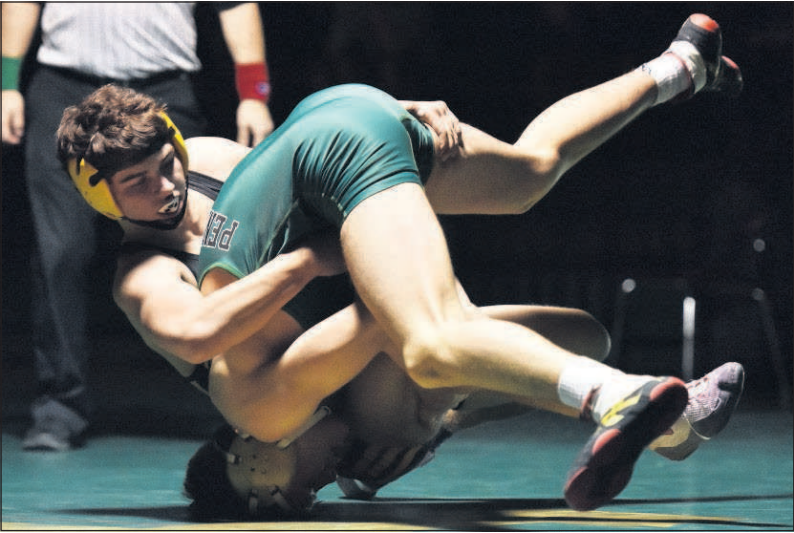
Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Hermiston's Beau Blake attempts to pin Pendleton's Perry Markgraf in the 285-pound match in the Bulldogs' 42-30 win against the Bucks on Wednesday in Pendleton. Blake would win the match by a 5-2 decision.

Bulldogs grind out win

Pendleton hangs around, falls short against Hermiston

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Over the past decade, Hermiston has fully established itself as a wrestling powerhouse in the state of Oregon with 10 team state championships and numerous individual titles. However, as roster turnover over the past few seasons has left holes in the lineup, the Bulldogs have had to mix and match with the weight classes and be patient with some young faces. And with their Class 5A district tournament on the horizon next week, the Bulldogs showed they still have a lot of work to do following Wednesday night's



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Hermiston's Trevor Wagner tries to roll Pendleton's Isaac Urbina on his back in the 152-pound match of the Bulldogs' 42-30 win against the Bucks on Wednesday in Pendleton.

42-30 dual victory over Pendleton at Warberg Court. "I think we took these guys a little bit for granted," Hermiston's Zach Kirkpatrick said afterwards. "I think we need to come out more

Wrestling



Hermiston
42



Pendleton
30

focused next time we're out here with more intensity throughout the entire match." The Hermiston-Pendleton matchups have been one-sided for the Bulldogs for awhile, with Hermiston winning by a combined score of 174-46 in the three previous years. But the Bulldogs gave away 12 points with two forfeits at 132 and 138, lost two matches by fall and two by decision. "Some guys wrestled tough, some guys I thought could've done a little better," Hermiston head coach Kyle Larson said. "I think in a few matches we kind of stood around and were okay with just a decision. I See WRESTLING/3B

College Basketball

BMCC swept by Treasure Valley

Timberwolves remain winless in divisional play

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Blue Mountain Community College women's basketball team suffered its ninth consecutive league loss Wednesday when the visiting Treasure Valley Chukars came to town. Behind two double-digit performances from Holle Raymond (11 points) and Shaylee Gilchrist (10), Treasure Valley won 63-51. The Timberwolves (1-19 overall, 0-9 NWAC) got off to a slow start, getting outscored 10-7 in the opening quarter. Blue Mountain quickly made adjustments and was able to cut its deficit to 28-22 at halftime. But in the second half, the Timberwolves just couldn't get close enough. Aleesha Watson led the team with a game-high 14 points and Sydney Wammock added 11 points. Ten different Chukars (10-10, 5-4) got on the board, including Raymond and Gilchrist. A trio of sophomores scored eight points apiece. The Timberwolves will return to the court Saturday at Big Bend Community College. Tipoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball



TVCC
63



BMCC
51

Men's basketball

TVCC 74, BMCC 60 — Despite a 16-point night from Blue Mountain's Linton McAllister and Dedi See BMCC/2B

Pro Basketball

McCollum scores 50 as Blazers beat Bulls

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — CJ McCollum scored a franchise-record 28 points in the first quarter and finished with a career-high 50 through three periods before heading to the bench, and the Portland Trail Blazers took advantage of the short-handed Chicago Bulls for a 124-108 victory Wednesday. McCollum's 28 points in the opening quarter were the most in the NBA this season. His final tally was nine points shy of the team record set by Damian Lillard last season. Lillard also sat out the final period after adding 13 points and seven assists for the

NBA



Chicago
108



Portland
124

Blazers, who led by as many as 29. It was Portland's fourth straight win overall, a season high, and the club's eighth in a row at home. Zach LaVine had a season-best 23 points in Chicago's fifth consecutive loss. The Bulls decided to sit forward Nikola Mirotic while he reportedly seeks a trade. Coach Fred Hoiberg said before the game that the 6-foot-10 forward remained

back at the team hotel. Meanwhile, rumors swirled that the Bulls had a deal with the Pelicans but it fell apart. Portland shot 74 percent in the first quarter paced by McCollum, who made four 3-pointers in the period and finished with six for the game. Pat Connaughton's 3-pointer put the Blazers up 54-28. McCollum punctuated the first half with a dunk, and the Blazers went into the break with a 67-44 lead. McCollum finished the half with 32 points, one shy of Lillard's franchise record. After he sat down in the third quarter, McCollum smiled when the crowd at the Moda Center chanted "We want CJ!" Lillard went into the game needing 25 points to reach 10,000. He'll be the seventh Blazers player to reach the mark, joining Clyde Drexler, LaMarcus Aldridge, Terry Porter, Cliff Robinson, Jerome Kersey and Jim Paxson. TIP-INS Trail Blazers: Wore their black "City" uniforms for the first time. The uniforms feature a plaid pattern in a nod to Dr. Jack Ramsay, who coached the 1977 NBA championship team and had a penchant for plaid. UP NEXT The Trail Blazers visit Toronto on Friday.



Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum shoots between Chicago Bulls forward Bobby Portis and center Robin Lopez in Portland on Wednesday.

AP Photo/Craig Mitchellidyer

Sports shorts

Gronkowski still in concussion protocol at Patriots practice

EDEN PRARIE, Minn. (AP) — As expected, Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski remained in the concussion protocol Wednesday for New England's first Super Bowl practice in Minnesota. According to a pool report of the workout, Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Gronkowski took part in non-contact drills and is "working his way back." The Patriots worked out for two hours in their only full-padded practice of the week leading up to Sunday's matchup with the Philadelphia Eagles. Also limited were defensive linemen Deatrich Wise (concussion) and cornerback Malcolm Butler (illness). Quarterback Tom Brady practiced fully, wearing black tape on his injured right hand.



Gronkowski

"We need to improve the pace of play and as the Commissioner said very well we need to really try to do it as partners with the players because that will make it work better than if Rob made a decision to do it on his own."

— Ken Kendrick

The Arizona Diamondbacks owner said regarding the MLB and players' association working out a deal to improve pace of play without imposing unilateral changes to the union.

FOX, NFL agree to 5-year deal for Thursday Night Football

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Fox and the NFL have agreed to a five-year deal for Thursday night football games. Those games previously were televised by CBS and NBC, two of the league's other network partners. Fox announced Wednesday that it will televise 11 games between Weeks 4 and 15, with simulcasts on NFL Network and Fox Deportes. Fox, which has the Sunday afternoon NFC package, will produce all of the games under the deal, which is worth a little more than \$3 billion, according to a person with direct knowledge of the terms of the deal. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell added that the league is exploring partnerships with digital outlets, also in conjunction with Fox.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1995 — Utah guard John Stockton becomes the NBA's career assist leader, setting up Karl Malone with 6:30 left in the first half of the Jazz's 129-88 victory over Denver. Stockton's 9,922nd assist moves him ahead of Magic Johnson. 1998 — David Graham wins the longest playoff in Senior PGA Tour history on the 10th extra hole in the Royal Caribbean Classic. 2014 — Oregon Institute of Technology men's basketball coach Danny Miles becomes the second men's coach at a four-year program to reach 1,000 career wins. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com