



Pendleton’s Edwin Linares grimaces after heading the soccer ball Thursday into a Baker player.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Bucks tie up Baker Bulldogs

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Pendleton 2
Baker 2

The Pendleton Buck and Baker Bulldogs squared off in a high-energy match on Thursday, battling to a dramatic draw at Pendleton High School.

Pendleton junior goalie Andrew Wolotira got down and dirty as he was kept busy throughout the game by Baker, which fired several high-speed shots his way from close range.

Wolotira loomed large at the end of the field, standing 6’3” and weighing 175 pounds, fearlessly diving right at his opponents’ oncoming cleats to defend a goal.

“You gotta get up there,” he said. “You have to cut off every angle, or else you leave the goal wide open.”

Both teams exhibited unbridled energy throughout the night. Whenever Wolotira blocked a goal, he’d launch it halfway across the field for his teammates to receive.

And when Pendleton’s Jonathan Lopez attempted a goal from the 40-yard line, Baker midfielder Omar

Benites sent the ball hurtling off the field and into the parking lot.

Baker midfielder Jamisun Rigueiro scored the first goal of the night 10 minutes into the game. It was the only goal in the first half.

Even though Pendleton was down a point going into the second half, Wolotira was determined to keep morale high. During the halftime break, he could be heard giving his team words of encouragement, strategy and advice, and cheering them on from the goal posts during the game.

“As the captain, I gotta keep my boys’ spirits high,” he said. “We always play like it’s 0-0.”

Pendleton’s Johann Valera-Vega suffered a leg injury in the second half

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Wrangler Network will offer last two days of Round-Up online

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Rodeo fans around the country will be able to watch the final two days of the iconic Pendleton Round-Up via the Wrangler Network.

The Wrangler Network will livestream the action from Friday and Saturday’s rounds for free through social media — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

With just a handful of tickets still available for each day — including just 23 for Saturday’s finals — fans still can keep up with the action.

“This will be their fourth time here,” said Randy Thomas, publicity director for the Pendleton Round-Up. “They came in the first time and their jaws just dropped. Just the grand scale of it all. We’ve made really good friends with them.”

The first two years the Wrangler Network came to Pendleton, it offered just Saturday’s performance. This will be the second year offering two days.

“Pendleton is one of our largest livestreams,” according to a Wrangler Network release. “It is iconic. It gets larger and larger every year.”

The Wrangler Network also offered livestreaming for the Calgary Stampede, Cheyenne Frontier Days, the Dodge City Round-Up and the Reno Rodeo, just to name a few.

Fans can log into www.wranglernetwork.com at 1:15 p.m. each day to watch cowboys compete in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer roping, steer wrestling, team roping and tie-down roping.

Other events include barrel racing, Indian relay racing, wild cow milking and Indian dancing.

“The Round-Up is a draw for family reunions and other get-togethers,” Thomas said. “More kids come home for Round-Up than they do for Christmas. We have broken a lot of records in the past year for ticket sales, sponsorships, merchandise and the yet-to-be seen beverage and concession sales.”

The Pendleton Round-Up, which began in 1910, draws hundreds of competitors each year. The event is known for its grass arena instead of dirt.

Longtime OSU baseball coach Casey retires

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Oregon State baseball coach Pat Casey, who led the Beavers to three national championships, has announced his retirement after 24 seasons with the team.

Casey’s most recent College World Series title came this summer, following back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007. Since 2005, the Beavers have made the NCAA tournament field 12 times and they’ve advanced to Omaha six times. The team also won five conference championships under Casey.

“My problem is, what I expect from my players on the field I expect out of myself,” Casey said during an emotional news conference in Corvallis on Thursday. “Right now I’m not positive that I can give that same effort that I expect of them, I’m not sure I can. But I will never put the uniform on unless I do it with that same passion I expect of them.”

Casey was hired by the Beavers in 1995 after a stint at Division III George Fox. He compiled a 900-458-6 (.662) record at Oregon State.

“I’ve been doing this for 31 years. I wish I was one of those guys who could tell you I wouldn’t change a thing, because I’m not one of those guys,” Casey said. “I wish I was as good a coach day one as I was the last day, I wish I would have made every player better, I wish I would have been a guy that didn’t make any mistakes. That doesn’t happen in coaching.”

The Beavers went 55-12-1 this season. The team swept through the regional and super regional rounds before losing their CWS opener. They won four straight elimination games to reach a best-of-three finals against Arkansas.

Rumors had swirled this summer after



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

Oregon State coach Pat Casey has announced his retirement after 24 seasons and three national championships with the team.

the championship run that the 59-year-old native of Oregon might retire.

Casey will remain at Oregon State as a senior associate athletic director and special assistant to athletic director Scott Barnes.

“I have no oceans to sail, I have no mountains to climb, I have no hobbies, I don’t know what the hell I’m going to do,” Casey joked.

Oregon State associate head coach Pat Bailey will serve as interim coach of the Beavers. The team will conduct a national search for a replacement following the next season.

Barnes said the new right field deck at Goss Stadium on campus would be named “Casey’s Corner.”

“As you can tell by his opening comments, this is a guy who worries about what other people need, what other people expect, whether he’s letting people

down or not letting them down,” Oregon State President Ed Ray said. “He has just been everything that we ever could have imagined in a baseball coach here.”

The winningest coach in Oregon State history, Casey won league coach of the year five times, and was Baseball America’s national Coach of the Year in 2006.

Many of Casey’s players went on to major league careers, notably Tigers pitcher Matt Boyd, Yankees outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury and Mets outfielder Michael Conforto.

Oregon State’s program came under a cloud in 2017 when it was revealed that pitcher Luke Heimlich had pleaded guilty at 15 to molesting a 6-year-old relative. The plea was revisited this spring in profiles by Sports Illustrated and the *New York Times*, with Heimlich telling both publications that he pleaded guilty to spare his family the ordeal of a trial.

Sports shorts

Allen headed to Hall

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A two-time NBA champion who predated the current proliferation of long-distance shooting, Ray Allen will be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday night.

Joining Allen will be Grant Hill, Steve Nash, Jason Kidd, Maurice Cheeks; women’s stars Tina Thompson, Katie Smith and Ora Mae Washington; coach Lefty Driesell, ABA and NBA star Charlie Scott; executives Rod Thorn and Rick Welts; and Croatian star Dino Radja.

Sherman believes lockout coming

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — A day after the San Francisco 49ers elected Richard Sherman as their player representative, the veteran cornerback believes a lockout is coming when the NFL collective bargaining agreement expires.

“It’s going to happen, so it’s not like guys are guessing,” Sherman said before the 49ers’ workout Thursday.

The current CBA between

players and NFL owners doesn’t expire until after the 2020 season, but there have been rumblings that players might dig in their heels in order to get certain economic changes, including more guaranteed money in contracts.

Owners locked out the players for four months during the 2011 offseason, but the sides eventually hammered out a 10-year deal before the regular season was jeopardized.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1970 — Jockey Willie Shoemaker rides Dares J to a 1½-length victory at Del Mar to become the winningest jockey. Shoemaker’s win breaks the all-time record of 6,033 set by Johnny Longden four years earlier.

1997 — In the new Arthur Ashe Stadium court, 16-year-old Martina Hingis and 17-year-old Venus Williams play the youngest Grand Slam final in the Open Era. Hingis wins her first U.S. Open title 6-0, 6-4.

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