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## Hermiston's Wilson signs to run track at EWU

By ANNIE FOWLER  
East Oregonian

The first time Hermiston track coach Emilee Strot saw Madi Wilson run, she knew the girl had a future in the sport.

Wednesday, Wilson proved her coach right, signing a letter of intent to run track at Eastern Washington University.

"She is a really special kid," Strot said. "This is a big deal. High school athletes want to go D-I, and they have a high level of competition and a great team."

For Wilson, she said Eastern was a great fit for her when she went for her official visit.

"My first instinct was, this is amazing," she said. "I felt at home. I loved it."

Wilson said her scholarship will cover tuition and books. If she shows marked improvement over the years, the scholarship will increase.

At EWU, Wilson will put her talents to use in the heptathlon. She did a couple this past summer, and knows she needs to improve in the shot put and javelin.

Wilson, who runs the 100 and 300 hurdle events, and legs on the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams, started running track in elementary school.

"The high school kids put on a meet for kids 4 years old through fifth grade," she said. "I did that for as long

as I can remember. The 400 was my baby. Running track was my sport."

She also got a boost from her parents. Her dad BJ played football and was a decathlete at Central Washington University, while her mom, Crystal, played basketball at Lower Columbia Community College, then continued at CWU, where she also competed in track.

Strot got her first look at Wilson when she was a freshman. With basketball season running long, Wilson only had a couple of practices before she hit the track.

"I didn't know who she was, and she missed the first couple of weeks of training," Strot said. "We

brought her to a meet and my jaw dropped. We put her in a JV race and she crushed it. I knew she would do great things."

And she has. She has gone to state every year since she was a freshman, picking up her first medal in the 4x400 relay, where the Bulldogs placed eighth. She also went in the 100 hurdles, but did not place.

As a sophomore, she was second at state in the 100 hurdles, sixth in the 300 hurdles, and the 4x400 relay team finished second.

Last year, she was second at state in the 100 hurdles in



Staff photo by Annie Fowler  
Hermiston's Madi Wilson signed a letter of intent Wednesday to run track at Eastern Washington University.

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## Blazers down the Grizzlies

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard had 24 points, including 15 in the third quarter, and the Portland Trail Blazers handed the Memphis Grizzlies their fourth straight loss with a 99-92 victory on Wednesday night.

Portland's bench was key, outscoring the Grizzlies' reserves 44-14 for the team's third straight win. Meyers Leonard had 12 points and eight rebounds.

Portland went on an 11-0 run to start the fourth quarter and stretched its lead to 85-71 on Zach Collins' layup and Seth Curry's 3-pointer. The Blazers led by as many as 16 points in the period.

Memphis closed within 99-92 after Marc Gasol's free throws with 45.5 seconds left, but couldn't catch up. The Grizzlies were led by Mike Conley with 23 points.

Memphis was coming off a 110-93 loss Monday at the Golden State Warriors, the first of a four-game road swing.

Grizzlies coach J.B. Bickerstaff said before the game that center Joakim Noah would not play because of an Achilles injury. But Conley, who missed the game against the Warriors because of hamstring soreness, started.

The Grizzlies got off to a fast start, going up 17-8 at the start and capitalizing

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AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Day  
Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum, front, dribbles past Memphis Grizzlies forward Kyle Anderson during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland on Wednesday.

**NBA**

**Blazers**  
99
 **Grizzlies**  
92

## Seahawks uncertain about McDougald, O-line as Chiefs loom

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Outside of middle linebacker Bobby Wagner, no one on the Seattle Seahawks defense has proven more valuable this season than safety Bradley McDougald.

And just in time for a visit from the leading passer in the NFL, the Seahawks aren't sure if McDougald will be able to play Sunday against Kansas City.

**NFL**

**Seattle Seahawks**  
(8-6)
 **Kansas City Chiefs**  
(11-3)

Sunday, 5:20 p.m., at Century Link Field, Seattle  
TV: NBC

McDougald's knee injury is one of several that could change Seattle's lineup for a Week 16 matchup where a victory and some help from others could clinch an NFC wild-card berth for the Seahawks.

McDougald has been dealing with a patellar tendon injury that flared up during the first half last week against San Francisco and forced him to become a spectator for the vast majority of the loss to the 49ers. Seattle coach Pete Carroll said McDougald is away from the team for a few days getting additional treatment on his knee and is expected back by the end of the week.

But when asked if he thought McDougald would be able to play against Patrick Mahomes and the NFL's top passing offense, Carroll could only say, "possibly." If McDougald can't play against

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### SPORTS SHORTS

#### Little League star Mo'ne Davis to play softball at Hampton

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mo'ne Davis, the first female pitcher to win a Little League World Series game, will attend Hampton University and play softball.

At 13, Davis delivered her 70-mph fastballs for Philadelphia's Taney Youth Baseball Association during the 2014 LLWS and became a national celebrity. She appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated and was named AP Female Athlete of the Year.

Davis played softball, basketball and soccer at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia.

Hampton coach Angela Nicholson told the Daily Press of

Newport News, Virginia, that Davis will play middle infielder and major in journalism and communications.

Her parents told the Philadelphia Tribune on Tuesday that she chose Hampton over five other schools because of its communications program.

**In this Aug. 19, 2018, file photo, Philadelphia Phillies fan Mo'ne Davis, center, who threw a shutout against Tennessee while competing in the 2014 Little League World Series tournament, talks with members of this year's team from Panama**

AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar, File

