

COLLEGE HOOPS

Chukars take down Timberwolves on ‘Blued-Out’ night

By **BRETT KANE**  
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Blue Mountain couldn’t stop Tara Chamberlain on Wednesday night.

In a home rematch against Treasure Valley, the 5-foot-9 sophomore forward poured in 24 points and shot 9-of-12 at the line to lead the Chukars to a 67-50 Northwest Athletic Conference victory.

“We just couldn’t get anything going offensively,” said Timberwolves coach Adam Driver.

On Wednesday night, fans ‘Blued-Out’ the stands, dressed in Timberwolves gear in the hopes that the team would come out on top this time around (Blue Mountain lost to the Chukars 71-51 earlier this month).

And Blue Mountain held onto the lead for the opening three minutes, but after one of the Timberwolves’ top scorers, sophomore guard Chloe Morrison, went down with an injured ankle, Chamberlain got to work. She drained five straight points at the line and hit a 3-pointer in the final seconds to claim the first quarter 18-14.

“When Chloe went down, it wrecked our depth,” Driver said. “And our foul trouble didn’t help, either.”

Timberwolves freshman forward Brooke Wheeler took care of four of her team’s six points in the second quarter, but Chamberlain hit another deep 3 for a 29-20 halftime advantage for Treasure Valley.

“The second quarter was really bad for us,” Wheeler said. “Treasure Valley is a driving team — they love shooting from the inside. But if you leave them open on the

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THIS DAWG HAS BITE



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston freshman Jon Lee will compete this weekend in the district tournament.

Jon Lee has made a name for himself in the 220-pound weight class

By **ANNIE FOWLER**  
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Jon Lee is a bit nervous about getting his permit to drive, but put the Hermiston freshman

on the mat and he will take on all-comers.

Lee, who is ranked No. 5 at 220 pounds in the Class 3A Washington Wrestling Report, will see what he’s made of this weekend when he competes in the District 8 Tournament at Hermiston High School.

“It’s awesome having a freshman come in and be at the level he is to compete,” Bulldogs coach Kyle Larson said. “He

is there. He is mature and athletic, and he uses his abilities in matches.”

The tournament brackets won’t be available until noon Friday, but Lee knows he will have some tough competition. The top four will advance to the regional tournament Feb. 9 at Yelm High School.

“I do my homework on my opponents, and that calms me down,” Lee said. “I know I can’t

underestimate anybody, especially the Rogers kid.”

Senior Vadim Bobrovnikov of Rogers (Spokane) is ranked No. 4, while Kamiakin senior Ben Hollenberg is No. 6, and junior Tyler Dallas of Mt. Spokane is No. 7. Lee is the only freshman listed in the top 10.

Lee typically weighs in about 211 pounds, still light for

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IF YOU GO

TOURNEY SCHEDULE

Friday  
Action begins at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday  
Action begins at 10 a.m.  
Finals at 5:30 p.m.

Hermiston sprinter Scout Reagan headed to Montana

By **ANNIE FOWLER**  
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Scout Reagan wasn’t always a speed demon. Up until high school, she spent hours at the dance studio learning everything from hip-hop to jazz to ballet.

On Wednesday, the Hermiston senior signed a letter of intent to run track for the University of Montana, making her the second athlete in six weeks to sign to run at a Division I university.

Madi Wilson signed with Eastern Washington University right

before Christmas.

“It is a cool school, and has so many things to do,” Reagan said of Montana. “The campus is just big enough to bike around. I went in November and it was cold, but it was still really sunny. During the summer you can swim, and in the winter you can snowboard.”

Reagan and Wilson, who make up half of the Bulldogs’ 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams, will compete against each other in the Big Sky Conference in college.

“In a big pool of Big Sky athletes, there will be someone I know

who is feeling the same way,” Reagan said of impending nerves. “It will be strange to run against her, but it will keep us competitive our senior year.”

Reagan competes in the 100 and 200 meters, and also runs legs on the two relays for the Bulldogs.

“My favorite is the 200,” she said. “It’s the curve. You get around the curve and get to the straight-away and you feel the push.”

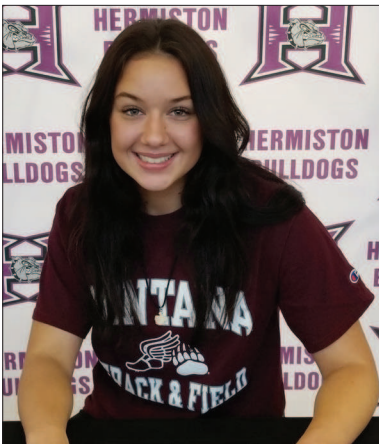
Reagan finished eighth at the Oregon 5A state meet last year in the 200 in a time of 26.51 seconds. She also was fifth in the 100

(12.49), while the 4x100 relay team of Reagan, Wilson, MaKaylee Young and Elsa Torres finished second (49.05).

The 4x400 relay team — same runners, except Amanda Nygard in place of Young — turned in a sixth-place finish in a time of 4:07.70. All of the relay runners return this spring.

A move to the WIAA and the Mid-Columbia Conference brings another challenge for the Bulldogs — the 4x200 relay.

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Scout Reagan

SPORTS SHORTS



AP Photo

NFL Players Coalition gives \$2 million in grants

ATLANTA (AP) — The Players Coalition has announced the recipients of grants totaling \$2 million given to six national nonprofit organizations.

National Juvenile Defender Center, Communities In Schools, The Justice Collaborative, Year Up, Center for Policing Equity and Advancement Project National Office received the grants.

“Our goal has always been to work hand in hand with groups that can provide evidence-based solutions to achieve change and make a lasting difference on impacted citizens,” said Anquan Boldin, a co-founder of the coalition.

Boldin and fellow co-founder Malcolm Jenkins (left), a Pro Bowl safety with the Philadelphia Eagles, highlighted the coalition’s goals and plans to impact racial and social inequality.

“America has an incarceration problem,” Jenkins said. “Incarceration doesn’t solve the problem, it exacerbates the poverty problem in America.”

The Players Coalition was formed in 2017 and focuses on polices and community relations, criminal justice reform and education and economic advancement.