

COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Umatilla  
athletes to  
compete at  
the next level

Trent Durfey to play football  
at Carroll College; Zayne  
Troeger will run at EOU

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Trent Durfey’s love of football goes back to first grade and flag football. Tackle football began in the third grade with Grid Kids, and that’s when Durfey came to life on the field.

“I like to hit people,” the Umatilla senior said. “It’s controlled aggression.”

Durfey will take his game to the college level in the fall after signing to play for Carroll College in Helena, Mont.

“They were the only one that really showed interest,” Durfey said of the Fighting Saints. “Western Oregon talked to me, but they weren’t serious.”

Durfey was one of two Umatilla athletes to sign a letter of intent to compete at the next level. Cross-country and track runner Zayne Troeger will attend Eastern Oregon University.

“Multnomah College showed a lot of interest, and I could have walked on at Idaho,” Troeger said. “It was a hard decision. I have friends going to Eastern. I know I can help the team a lot, and the distance coach (Ben Welch) has had a lot of success. There was a good connection from the start.”

The 6-foot-2, 215-pound Durfey first caught the attention of Carroll College at a showcase camp at Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

“They liked what they saw and invited me to Junior Day in July,” he said. “I liked what I saw there. I went for a game day visit and that reaffirmed why I wanted to go there.”

Durfey has a nice resume heading to college, which includes a second-team all-state honor at linebacker, and he was named the Special District 3 Defensive Player of the Year. He also has been selected to play in the 67th annual Oregon East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game in August.

“This has always been a dream of mine,” said Durfey, who will major in health sciences.

Durfey said the Carroll coach also liked the fact he participates in track.

“One coach told me he likes hurdlers who are linebackers,” Durfey said. “They have speed and good hip mobility.”

Durfey finished seventh at the 3A state meet last year in the 110 hurdles.

Troeger had a tremendous season in cross-country his senior year, finishing fourth at the 3A state meet in a time of 16 minutes, 56 seconds.

He also preformed well his junior year on the track. He was third in the 3,000, and fifth in the 800.

“My love for distance started in the eighth grade,” Troeger said.

One bonus for Troeger attending EOU: The school is building a state-of-the-art indoor facility. It should be finished this summer.



Staff photo by Annie Fowler  
**Umatilla’s Zayne Troeger (left) and Trent Durfey have signed letters of intent to play college sports. Troeger will run cross-country and track at Eastern Oregon University, while Durfey will play football at Carroll College.**



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**Hermiston coach Casey Arstein, right, celebrates with Jordan Ramirez after a 50-46 win over Pendleton in 2018. Arstein has stepped down after three seasons with the Bulldogs.**

HERMISTON HOOPS

ARSTEIN STEPS AWAY  
FROM BOYS PROGRAM

Coach led the program for 3 seasons, posted a 43-28 record

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**H**ermiston boys basketball coach Casey Arstein has never been one to seek the limelight, preferring the focus be put on his players.

All that changed when Arstein

turned in his resignation at the end of the season.

“It was a tough decision,” said Arstein, who teaches at Sandstone Middle School. “It came down to what was best for our family. It will be a good change, but I will miss the competition and the relationship with the kids.”

The Hermiston boys job is one of three openings in the Mid-Columbia Conference. Steve Davis stepped down from the Chiawana girls job after 18 years, and Walla Walla boys coach Mike Patterson is out after one season, citing personal reasons. Patterson will continue to coach the boys golf team.

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Colorado beats Oregon State 73-58 in Pac-12 quarterfinals

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LAS VEGAS — Colorado took one punch after another from Oregon State, watching what once seemed to be an insurmountable lead turn into a close game.

When the Buffaloes finally decided to strike back, they were able to hold off the Beavers.

McKinley Wright IV scored 17 points and Colorado blew most of a 21-point lead before knocking off Oregon State 73-58 on Thursday in the Pac-12 quarterfinals.

“They started getting into us and heating us up and got on our heels,” Colorado coach Tad Boyle said. “We finally started attack-

ing it, which is what you have to do.”

The fifth-seeded Buffaloes (21-11) dominated early, racing out to a 21-point lead in the first half. Colorado bogged down when Oregon State turned up the defensive pressure, watching its lead dwindle down to six.

The Buffaloes gathered themselves and started stretching the lead back, overcoming 7 for 23 shooting in the second half to earn a spot in Friday’s semifinals against top-seeded Washington.

“We just talked about being patient on offense and keep guarding the same way we did the first half,” Colorado big man Evan Battey said. “That’s about it.”

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**Colorado’s Tyler Bey (1) vies for a rebound with Oregon State’s Ethan Thompson (5) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 men’s tournament on Thursday in Las Vegas.**