

Coach: Dillenburg was selected by his peers throughout the IMC

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Heriza, Jenna Senter and Kiana Sperl for his team's success this season.

Heriza is a former coach for the Bucks' boys tennis team, Senter was a state qualifier for the girls team in 2017, and Sperl was also a member of the team that same year.

"We have 26 players on the team this year," said Dillenburg. "It's really helpful to have these coaches. They give quality feedback for the girls. They're people who know what tennis is all about."

Dillenburg was selected by his peers throughout the IMC.

"Truthfully, I don't know why I happened to be chosen," he said.

"I voted for Kelly Tuso from Redmond. I like the way she interacts with her team. She's always positive."

Positivity is something he, too, is known to bring to his team. He may be humble, but Dillenburg's presence and experience has left an impact amongst his athletes.

"Rocky cannot be explained in a few words," said senior player Katie Bradt. "He's one of the best coaches I've ever had. When he first told us about (the award), he said, 'Guys, something embarrassing happened tonight.' Personality-wise, we're both jokesters. That helps me out during matches. It takes away from all of the stress."

State: Flanagan is seeded No. 3 in Conference

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Flanagan is seeded No. 3 in the Intermountain Conference, and will square off against La Salle junior Ashley Smith at the state tournament. Smith is this year's Northwest Oregon Conference champion.

"I feel like I have a pretty good chance against (Smith)," said Flanagan, 17. "Tennis is 90 percent mindset and 10 percent skill. I'm going to go in with a positive mentality."

Flanagan has been on the varsity team ever since she was a freshman. She said tennis wasn't the sport for her in middle school, but some strong convincing from her family and Pendleton girls tennis coach Rocky Dillenburg compelled her to stick with it.

"I practiced all last summer," Flanagan said. "My strokes and serves have improved so much. I've aced a couple of girls this season. This whole team has come together and done so well throughout the year."

This year, the Pendleton girls tennis team tied

with Wilsonville with the highest cumulative team GPA in the state's 5A division with a 3.86. This year will mark the last on the Bucks' court for both Flanagan and Bradt.

Flanagan will graduate early and earn her associate's degree from Blue Mountain Community College, and enroll in the Oregon Institute of Technology to become an ultrasound technician. Bradt will attend Carroll College in Helena, Montana, with plans to major in psychology and minor in neuroscience.

But first, one challenge still lies ahead: this weekend's state tournament.

If they defeat their first-round opponents, they'll advance to Saturday's semifinals at the Babette Horenstein Tennis Center in Tualatin.

"Both are very athletic and have worked a lot on their strokes," coach Dillenburg said. "They tend not to let too much get to them when they play. Irritating things happen in tennis. It's part of the game. They both know how to move forward. They don't like to lose."

Signing: 'My teammates have encouraged me so much'

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"He had an interest in going to the next level, and we both knew there weren't a lot of options for tennis in the area," said Bulldogs head tennis coach Shann West. "We were able to reach out to (Heleker) and go down there for a visit, and it wasn't too long after that he got an offer."

Cissna said he didn't shift his focus to tennis until his junior year. Although he doesn't have the years of experience with a racket that he does on the basketball court or the football field, he's put in the hours to make up for it.

"I just put in the hours," he said. "It was the only sport where I was seeing the satisfaction of that work. It puts everything on yourself, which makes it more personal. My teammates have encouraged me so much. We've built such a strong relationship together."

Cissna has been on the Bulldogs' varsity team for all four years of his high school career. This year, he was the team's No. 1 singles player. West said nothing has come between Cissna and improving his game, even if he has to do it alone.

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Shann West, Bulldogs head tennis coach

on the courts by himself doing anything he can do put in the effort, trying to get better," West said. "Over the past four years, he's put in countless hours. He'll be practicing with the ball machine until 11 p.m."

After his time as a Chukar, Cissna will set his sights on the University of Montana in Missoula, where he'll pursue a degree in wildlife biology. He also hopes to be a walk-on for their tennis team.

"His name's Cissna, but we call him Cissy," said West. "Because of the relationship we've sparked up over the years, I'm really happy to be the guy who has helped him pursue and achieve his goals. It's awesome."

Pendleton's Rendon to wrestle at SOU

Raiders are an NAIA wrestling powerhouse

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

Southern Oregon University signed its second Eastern Oregon wrestler in as many weeks when Pendleton's Alex Rendon signed with the Raiders on Monday.

SOU signed Irrigon's Alex Miranda-Walls last week.

Rendon received a Rollin Schimmel Foundation schol-



Rendon

arship last week. From SOU, he will receive an athletic and diversity scholarship.

"I'm excited for Alex to go down there and give it a shot," outgoing Pendleton coach Fred Phillips said. "A year ago, we toured Oregon State and he decided he wanted to wrestle in college. He has changed a lot of what he did to get there. He changed his work ethic and his academ-

ics to get him there."

SOU, located in Ashland, has been an NAIA wrestling powerhouse for more than 40 years. The Raiders have won four national team titles, crowned 35 national champions, and boast 245 all-Americans.

Phillips and assistant coach Trevor Hancock both wrestled for SOU coach Mike Ritchey, who is particular about who he brings into his program.

"I think it helped that Trevor and I vouched for him," Phillips said. "He took a visit there after

state. All there is, is upside for Alex. He can only get better."

Rendon, who placed second at the 5A state tournament at 126 pounds in February, also placed second at the same weight his junior year.

The last two years of high school, Rendon posted an impressive 90-10 record. He shares the Pendleton school record for wins with Dylan Holcomb.

Rendon was an all-state selection at 126 pounds, an honor that included divisions from 2A to 6A.

Blazers: Blazers built a 65-50 halftime lead

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pass through the paint to a cutting Iguodala for a dunk with 3:06 left to make it 108-105, then Green assisted on a layup by Looney the next possession.

Green had 16 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and five blocks. His seven straight playoff games with at least 10 rebounds are a career high.

The Warriors missed Kevin Durant for a third straight game because of a strained right calf and he isn't likely to return at all this round.

Curry scored Golden State's first eight points of the third to get his team back within 69-58 then Thompson hit two straight 3s.

The Blazers had built a 65-50 halftime lead, capitalizing on 10 Warriors turnovers for 18 points.

Then two of the top backcourts in the Western Conference went at it in an entertaining final two quarters. The game was tied at 89 to start the fourth.

The Warriors already got past James Harden and Chris Paul in the last round — now it's McCollum and Lillard standing in the way of a fifth straight trip to the NBA Finals.

"They're a nightmare to have to cover," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said before the game.



AP Photo/Jeff Chiu

Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum gestures after scoring against the Golden State Warriors during the first half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals in Oakland, Calif., on Thursday.

Curry made 5 of his initial 8 shots but Thompson struggled in the first half at 3 for 11 and missed 3 of 4 3-point tries.

Portland showed it made adjustments from Game 1 and came out with energy on both ends from the opening tip after the Blazers had regularly left Curry wide open on the perimeter off the pick-and-roll and he scored 36 points while matching his postseason high with nine 3-pointers.

Durant update

Durant will miss at least

Games 3 and 4, scheduled to be re-examined by doctors in another week. That means he wouldn't be expected to return until the NBA Finals if Golden State advances.

Durant was re-evaluated Thursday and is not yet ready for on-court work — a necessary step before the two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP can return to game action.

Golden State center DeMarcus Cousins will be re-evaluated again in a week as he works back from a strained left quadriceps muscle sustained in Game

2 of the first round against the Clippers on April 15 in just his second career playoff game.

Cousins has begun doing extensive on-court work such as running, shooting and agility moves.

Tip-ins

Trail Blazers: Seth Curry stole the ball from big brother Steph in the second quarter. They are the first brothers to ever face each other in a conference final. ... The Blazers are 1-10 all-time against Golden State in the playoffs.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Baseball

Pendleton at Redmond (DH), 2 p.m.

Softball

Pendleton at La Grande, 5 p.m.

Shadle Park-Kennwick winner at Hermiston, 5 p.m.

Tennis

Pendleton at 5A state tournament, Portland

Riverside at Semi-Finals (Oregon State University), 3:30 p.m.

Ione at State Tournament (Oregon State University), TBD

Track and field

Hermiston at District 8 Championships (Richland), 3 p.m.

Heppner/Ione, Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah, Weston-McEwen at Varsity Championships (Western Oregon University), TBD

Mac-Hi, Riverside at State Meet (Mt. Hood CC), TBD

Pendleton vs. Crook County (at Prineville), TBD

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Track and field

Hermiston at District 8 Championships (Richland), 11:30 a.m.

Heppner/Ione, Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah, Weston-McEwen at Varsity Championships (Western Oregon University), TBD

Tennis

Pendleton at 5A state tournament, Portland

Hermiston at District 8 Championships (Kamiakin), 9 a.m.

Ione at State Tournament (Oregon State University), TBD

Riverside at State Finals (Oregon State University), TBD

NBA

ALL TIMES PDT

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7)

Saturday, April 13

Brooklyn 111, Philadelphia 102

Orlando 104, Toronto 101

Golden State 121, L.A. Clippers 104

San Antonio 101, Denver 96

Sunday, April 14

Boston 84, Indiana 74

Portland 104, Oklahoma City 99

Milwaukee 121, Detroit 86

Houston 122, Utah 90

Monday, April 15

Philadelphia 145, Brooklyn 123

L.A. Clippers 135, Golden State 131

Tuesday, April 16

Toronto 111, Orlando 82

Denver 114, San Antonio 105

Portland 114, Oklahoma City 94

Wednesday, April 17

Boston 99, Indiana 91

Milwaukee 120, Detroit 99

Houston 118, Utah 98

Thursday, April 18

Philadelphia 131, Brooklyn 115

San Antonio 118, Denver 108

Golden State 132, L.A. Clippers 105

Friday, April 19

Toronto 98, Orlando 93

Boston 104, Indiana 96

Oklahoma City 120, Portland 108

Saturday, April 20

Philadelphia 112, Brooklyn 108

Denver 117, San Antonio 103

Milwaukee 119, Detroit 103

Houston 104, Utah 101

Sunday, April 21

Boston 110, Indiana 106, Boston wins series 4-0

Golden State 113, L.A. Clippers 105

Toronto 107, Orlando 85

Portland 111, Oklahoma City 98

Monday, April 22

Milwaukee 127, Detroit 104, Milwaukee wins series 4-0

Utah 107, Houston 91

Tuesday, April 23

Toronto 115, Orlando 96, Toronto wins series 4-1

Philadelphia 122, Brooklyn 100, Philadelphia wins series 4-1

Denver 108, San Antonio 90

Portland 118, Oklahoma City 115, Portland wins series 4-1

Wednesday, April 24

Houston 100, Utah 93, Houston wins series 4-1

L.A. Clippers 129, Golden State 121

San Antonio 120, Denver 103

Friday, April 26

Golden State 129, L.A. Clippers 110, Golden State wins series 4-2

Saturday, April 27

Denver 90, San Antonio 86, Denver wins series 4-3

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

Saturday, April 27

Toronto 108, Philadelphia 95

Sunday, April 28

Boston 112, Milwaukee 90

Golden State 104, Houston 100

Monday, April 29

Philadelphia 94, Toronto 89

Denver 121, Portland 113

Tuesday, April 30

Milwaukee 123, Boston 102

Golden State 115, Houston 109

Wednesday, May 1

Portland 97, Denver 90

Thursday, May 2

Philadelphia 116, Toronto 95

Friday, May 3

Milwaukee 123, Boston 116

Portland 140, Denver 137, 4OT

Saturday, May 4

Houston 126, Golden State 121, OT

Sunday, May 5

Toronto 101, Philadelphia 96

Denver 116, Portland 112

Monday, May 6

Milwaukee 113, Boston 101

Houston 112, Golden State 108

Tuesday, May 7

Toronto 125, Philadelphia 89

Denver 124, Portland 98

Wednesday, May 8

Milwaukee 116, Boston 91, Milwaukee wins series 4-1

Golden State 104, Houston 99

Thursday, May 9

Philadelphia 112, Toronto 101

Portland 119, Denver 108

Friday, May 10

Golden State 118, Houston 113, Golden State wins series 4-2

Sunday, May 12

Portland 100, Denver 96, Portland wins series 4-3

Toronto 92, Philadelphia 90, Toronto wins series 4-2

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Tuesday, May 14

Golden State 116, Portland 94

Wednesday, May 15

Milwaukee 108, Toronto 100, Milwaukee

leads series 1-0

Thursday, May 16

Golden State 114, Portland 111, Golden State leads series 2-0

Friday, May 17

Toronto at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Golden State at Portland, 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 19

Milwaukee at Toronto, 4 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East

Tampa Bay 26 15 .634

New York 26 16 .619

Boston 23 20 .535

Toronto 17 26 .395

Baltimore 14 29 .326

Central

Minnesota 27 15 .643

Cleveland 23 19 .548

Chicago 20 22 .476

Detroit 18 24 .429

Kansas City 15 29 .341

West

Houston 29 15 .659

Seattle 22 23 .489

Los Angeles 20 23 .465

Texas 19 22 .463

Oakland 20 25 .444

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 8, L.A. Angels 7

N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 3, 1st game

San Francisco 4, Toronto 3