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## MEET THE LINEBACKER'S CLUB CLASS OF 2019

The Pendleton Linebacker's Club welcomes 14 new members to their Hall of Fame

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PENDLETON — For 14 former Buckaroo all-stars, the glory days are a gift that keeps on giving.

On Friday night, the Pendleton Linebacker's Club welcomed over 300 friends, family, and past inductees alike to the Pendleton Convention Center, where they honored a select group of standout former Pendleton High School athletes and added them into their longstanding and ever-growing Hall of Fame.

"Every one of these inductees had a huge impact on Pendleton High School Athletics," said Linebacker's President Dennis Hunt. "And they all went on to compete at the collegiate level. That's really special."

The induction followed an evening of cocktails, dinner, and an auction of items that ranged from Portland Trail Blazers tickets and parking passes to a University of Oregon Ducks football helmet.

This year's class of honorees was voted on by the Pendleton athletic community at the beginning of the year.

The 14 new members joined the likes of former Bucks softball coach Steve Cary, former PHS basketball and golf coach Dale Warberg, and Pendleton alumnus Bob Lilly, who went on to play 14 seasons with the Dallas Cowboys.

### Casey Hunt

From 1995-98, Hunt was a 10-letter Buckaroo athlete who competed in football, wrestling, and baseball. He was a receiver and defensive back for one year under coach Wayne Looney, and played for former coaches Cary, Lyle Phelps, and Mike Hodgen on the baseball diamond, where he earned four of his letters.

However, neither of those accomplishments compared to his time as a wrestler, where he would become one of the school's most-decorated athletes. Hunt won a state title at 135 pounds for his senior season, where he went 35-0.

After graduation, Hunt would enroll in Portland State University and transfer to the University of Oregon, where he earned three more wrestling letters at 141 and 149 pounds.

"I'm honored and I'm humbled," Hunt said. "The Pendleton community is very supportive of their athletes."

### Jon Peterson

From 1974-78, Peterson collected nine letters during his time as a football, basketball, and baseball athlete. He was a two-year starting quarterback, leading his team to the semifinals in 1977. To this day, he remains in the top 12 Buckaroos in passing yards and touchdown passes.

On the court, he aided in a state championship run in 1978.

On the diamond, Peterson amassed a .316 hitting career and tallied over 70 career hits. He was named to the All-Conference First Team as a shortstop.

Peterson continued his baseball career at Blue Mountain Community College, Lane Community College in Eugene, and the University of Oregon Club Team.

He eventually returned to BMCC to coach basketball, as well as girls basketball at Pendleton and Gresham High School.

### Sarah Keeler

From 1995-99, Keeler was an honor student who joined Pendleton's basketball, softball, soccer, and track teams.

Although she earned an All-Conference mention in track, basketball was her sport of choice. She was a four-year starter and a four-year alternate conference player each year, a two-time IMC Player of the Year in



Three members of the 1963 Pendleton football team pose together before they and other team members were inducted Friday evening into the Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Sarah Keeler, who lettered in basketball, softball, soccer and track, speaks Friday evening after being inducted into the Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Casey Hunt, one of Pendleton's most decorated grapplers, speaks after being inducted into the Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame.

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1998-99, a two-time All-State mention, and earned an array of other honors, including Umatilla County's Female Athlete of the Year, Oregon's Top 20 Female Athlete of the Year, and *USA Today's* All-American Honorable Mention for her senior season.

At the University of Washington, Keeler joined the Huskies basketball team, which won the Pac-10 Conference once and twice made a run in the NAAs. She led the team in blocked shots.

After college, she coached at the University of Portland and Central Washington University.

"I was lucky to be a part of such great teams and have great coaches," Keeler said. "I can't say enough about my experience as a Buckaroo."

### Mike Hodgen

Hodgen is a Pendleton athletics mainstay from the Class of 1967. He played baseball at Eastern Oregon University, and has coached high school baseball for the past 44 years, including 27 years with Pendleton's American Legion teams.

### Sara Jane Rosenberg

A decorated volleyball and track athlete, Rosenberg was a four-time long jump champion from 2001-04, and still holds the district record in the event. She was also a two-time triple jump champion from 2003-04.

She was also a member of the girls 4x100 relay teams for all four years, and was a part of the district championships in 2001 and 2004, where the team placed fourth in the state both years.

Rosenberg received a track scholarship to the University of Idaho.

### Bill McCrae

The 1963 class president, McCrae was a starting guard for Warberg's champion basketball team, and played football as a sophomore for coach Don Requa.

He was also Pendleton's top golfer for four years, from 1961-64, gaining four letters. He won the district title his senior

year, and led that team to a sixth-place finish in the state tournament.

At Oregon State University, he was a four-year golfer, playing at No. 1 for his last two years. He was also co-captain of the team. His post-college career earned him four Round-Up City Amateur Championship titles.

### Michael Corey

Corey played football, but baseball is where he shined. He threw a no-hitter in a 1992 state title game against La Grande. He was also a top pitcher at Willamette University from 1994-98.

He went on to play semi-pro for the Atlanta Braves. He also helped the Myrtle Beach Pelicans win a championship with their debut season of pro baseball.

He finished his pro career with the Milwaukee Brewers organization.

### John Fossatti

After earning All-Conference and All-State honors during his time on the Bucks football team from 1956-58, Fossatti was a freshman linebacker and center at the University of Oregon.

Fossatti was also a catcher and outfielder for the Bucks from 1957-59 under coach Bob White and competed in the state golf tournament in 1958.

He brought his athletic knowledge to Lake Oswego High School, where he coached football from 1966-71 and golf from 1967-71. He also coached at Lakeridge. His skills earned him three Coach of the Year awards and a National High School Golf Coach of the Year nomination in 1985.

### Drew Larson

A three-year football letterman, Larson played football, basketball, and track from 1997-2001.

For his final season, Larson caught 28 passes for 703 yards, including 11 touchdowns. He averaged over 25 yards per

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### WOMEN'S WORLD CUP



QUARTERFINALS  
USA 2, FRANCE 1



AP Photo/Francois Mori

United States' Megan Rapinoe celebrates after scoring her second goal in their quarterfinal soccer match between France at the Parc des Princes, in Paris, Friday.

## Rapinoe scores twice to lead USA past France

Home-field advantage didn't faze the Americans

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**  
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PARIS — Controversy didn't drive Megan Rapinoe, the big moment did.

Rapinoe turned turmoil into triumph Friday night, scoring twice in the much-anticipated clash with host France to send the defending champion United States into the semifinals of the Women's World Cup with a 2-1 victory.

Two days earlier, Rapinoe had been called out on social media by President Donald Trump after video surfaced of her saying she wouldn't visit the White House if the United States won the tournament, and the critics pounced. Rapinoe shrugged them off by facing the crowd with her arms raised in celebration after both her goals.

"I don't really get energized by haters or all that, I feel there are so many more people that love me," she said with a laugh. "I'm more energized by that."

Now the top-ranked Americans are headed to Lyon to face No. 3 England in a semifinal match Tuesday.

France had been vying to become the first nation to simultaneously hold the men's and women's World Cup trophies but fell well short as their aggressive play, home-field advantage and flag-waving crowd that belted out "La Marseillaise" failed to faze the ever-confident U.S. team.

Rapinoe, her hair highlighted with a pastel pink, scored on a free kick in the fifth minute that bounced between French players and past goalkeeper Sarah Bouhaddi. She did it again in the 65th minute after blasting a cross from Tobin Heath that Bouhaddi dove for but couldn't stop. It was her fifth goal of the tournament.

Fourth-ranked France pulled back on Wendie Renard's header off Gaetane Thiney's free kick in the 81st. It was the 6-foot-2 defender's fourth World Cup goal and gave the home crowd at the sell-out Parc des Princes hope.

"I mean, you have to give it up to the French team. I think they outplayed us for sure with the ball, but we were so

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