

Football: Larry Wright was an offensive lineman at North Salem

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had forgotten he played in the game until my grandma (Kay) reminded him about it. She brought out all these articles and photos.”

Larry Wright was an all-state offensive lineman for North Salem High School, and later played at University of Oregon before he was drafted to serve in the Vietnam War.

It has been 55 years since Larry Wright played in the Shrine Game, but he still has his jersey, and proudly wore it for a photo with his grandson.

Surgery changes everything

Wright grew up playing soccer, and was on a select team in Milton-Freewater when he was 11 years old.

When he was 12, he began having pains in his left thigh. He eventually was diagnosed with slipped

capital femoral epiphysis (SCFE), where the growth plate is not fully developed, and that results in slippage of the overlying end of the femur.

The first surgery in 2012 impacted his mobility, but he refused to let it beat him. He continued to play soccer, wrestle and rodeo.

“It’s a lot better to think positively than negatively,” Wright said. “It affects your entire life.”

He had two additional surgeries in high school, the last being in March 2018.

After his sophomore year, Wright transferred from Mac-Hi to Weston-McEwen, and switched from soccer to football. The 5-foot-8, 210-pound Wright was a Blue Mountain Conference honorable mention pick as an offensive lineman his senior year, as well as team captain for the TigerScots.

He also continued to

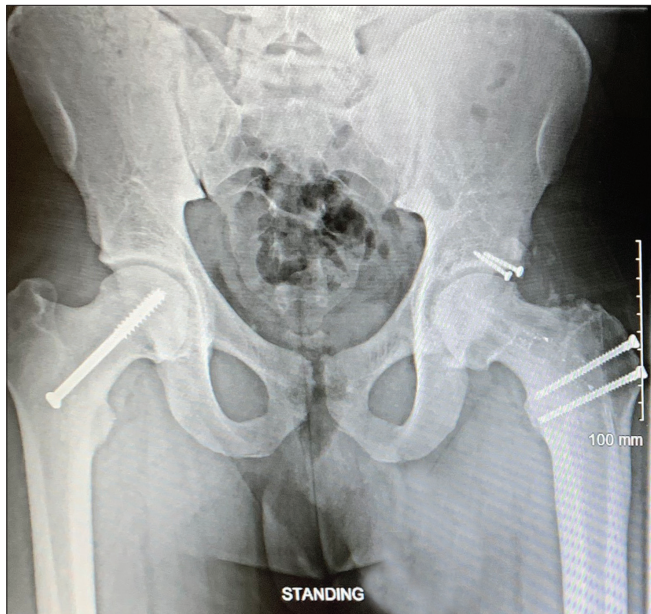


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An X-ray shows the five screws that helped stabilize Patton Wright’s hips.

wrestle, and was a three-time state qualifier.

“I played soccer for a long time, but I had other commitments that made it difficult to keep up with it,”

Wright said. “I love football — the mix of a physical game and the camaraderie. I got a lot of yellow cards in soccer, so it was an easy transition. The football

team was like a big family. I didn’t experience that with soccer. I wish I would have played football for four years.”

Wright also is a member of the Boy Scouts. He earned his Eagle Scout badge, re-roofing the American Legion Hall in Milton-Freewater as his project. He went on to earn additional badges to finish the scouting program with three palms.

The next chapter

Wright is headed to Eastern Oregon University, where he will play baritone sax in the jazz band and study nursing. He would like to be a critical care nurse, possibly at a Shriners Hospital.

“When I was younger, I had no idea what I wanted to do,” Wright said. “When the radiologist figured out what was wrong with my hip, I thought I wanted to

that job. Then I realized you sit in a room all day staring at screens. I’m a people person, I want to help people. I want to be the first person you see.”

Wright graduated with a 3.98 GPA and earned several scholarships to help with school. Once he completes his courses at EOU, he plans to continue in the nursing program at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.

But first, he has one more game to play, and he’s giving it his all.

Each player selected to the Shrine Game is asked to raise \$300, with contributors honored in the game program. Wright earned \$1,385.

“Words cannot describe how this opportunity to give back impacts me,” Wright said. “I don’t even know where to start. I have found that actions speak louder than words.”

Tennis: Coco Gauff still undefeated

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who is 30, before getting past Hercog, 28. When a reporter wanted to know how Gauff might spend the prize money she’s already earned of about 175,000 pounds (\$220,000), she replied: “I mean, I can’t buy a car, because I can’t drive.”

That made her giggle, as did some of the other things she said at her news conference through a permanent smile, including her unprompted opening line about Jayden Smith’s new album, her plea for tickets to a Beyonce concert and poking fun at her mother, Candi, for the way she waved her arms overhead when Friday’s victory was over.

“Please tell me she’s a meme,” Gauff said. “I’m so excited to go on Instagram.”

Next up: A fourth-round matchup against 2018 French Open champion and former No. 1 Simona Halep, who eliminated two-time major champ Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 6-1.

Other women’s contests Monday will be No. 3 seed Karolina Pliskova against Karolina Muchova, No. 8 Elina Svitolina against No. 24 Petra Martic, and Dayana Yastremska against Zhang Shuai, who defeated former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki 6-4, 6-2.

The top half of the men’s draw, meanwhile, saw more in its series of upsets, leaving defending champion Novak Djokovic with what seems like little resistance in his road to the final. The

No. 1 seed got a brief test Friday before quickly righting himself and getting past Hubert Hurkacz 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4. No one else on that side of the bracket is ranked higher than 17th; that’s the spot held by Milos Raonic, who is also the only other player who ever has been to a Grand Slam final.

Those exiting Friday included last year’s runner-up, No. 4 Kevin Anderson, who was knocked off by No. 26 Guido Pella 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Pella beat 2017 runner-up Marin Cilic last year at Wimbledon and now will face 2016 runner-up Raonic, who beat Reilly Opelka of the U.S. 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 10 Karen Khachanov, No. 11 Daniil Medvedev and No. 19 Felix Auger-Aliassime all lost.

“It’s impossible to say who is going to figure things out more than the others to do what it takes to win Slams,” Anderson said. That could be said of Gauff, of course, but she sure is looking like someone who can go far in the coming years.

She has a big serve, dialing it up to 118 mph on Friday — only Hercog and Serena Williams have hit one faster this week — and good groundstrokes off both wings, along with some touch and guile. And what she possesses, above all, is some real calm amid a storm.

As Hercog perfectly put it: “She’s probably older in her head than the numbers show.”

Baseball: Diamondjaxx sweep Spokane in opener

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The comeback was bolstered by Loudon Marsalis, who singled on a hard ground ball to right field that drove in a run. Two more runs were scored on the throw.

Cooper Roberts doubled on a line drive to left field for two RBIs, allowing Pendleton to briefly pull even. But Northwest Advantage wasn’t done, and would shoot ahead for the second and final time just one inning later.

The team, comprised of players from various Washington high schools, posted two more RBI-singles to escape with the win in the bottom of the fifth.

Kyle Field struck out four Northwest batters, but also let slip six runs over four innings, which was too much for Pendleton to recover from.

Hodgen Distributing fought through another tie in their day’s closer against Mt. Spokane, but this time, they came out on top.

The two teams stayed tied at 1-1 from the third

inning onward until Pendleton came to life in the bottom of the fifth, scoring three runs.

Ty Beers doubled to right field, driving in Michael Flores. Curtis Simons crossed home on a wild pitch one at-bat later, and Logan Weinke’s following fly fall to center field allowed Beers to score.

“We had a little more enthusiasm in the second game,” Armstrong said. “When Coop’s on the mound, he brings it out of the rest of the team. He’s always throwing strikes, pitching to contact, and putting the ball in play. It’s always a good ball game when the pitcher’s throwing strikes.”

Roberts, an incoming Pendleton High School senior, threw a complete game and finished the day with six strikeouts, with just two hits and one run given up along the way.

“Coop has shown us, throughout the high school season and even now, that he’s capable of finishing a game,” Armstrong said. “Any time you put a ball in his hands, he’ll deliver.”

Pendleton 16U girls soccer places 2nd in Richland



Photo contributed by Kirsten Lovercheck

From left to right: Shae Wyland, Sage Wyland, Ashtyn Larsen, Lindsey Pasena-Littlesky, Reilly Lovercheck, Kelsey Lovercheck, Addison Bonzani, and coach Cesar Argueta pose after taking second place at Richland’s Beat the Heat soccer tournament on June 28, 2019. Registered in the freshman division, the team won three games and tied one.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

2019 WOMEN’S WORLD CUP

FIRST ROUND GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-France	3	0	0	7	1	9
x-Norway	2	1	0	6	3	6
x-Nigeria	1	2	0	2	4	3
South Korea	0	3	0	1	8	0

THIRD PLACE Saturday, July 6

At Nice, France

England vs. Sweden, 8 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, July 7

At Lyon, France

United States vs. Netherlands, 8 a.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	10	5	5	35	37	26
D.C. United	8	5	7	31	25	21
Montreal	9	8	3	30	24	31
Atlanta	9	7	2	29	24	20
New York City FC	7	18	29	30	19	
New York	8	7	3	27	30	24
Toronto FC	6	8	5	23	30	33
New England	6	8	5	23	22	36
Chicago	5	7	7	22	31	28
Orlando City	6	9	3	21	25	25
Columbus	5	12	17	16	28	
Cincinnati	3	13	2	11	15	42

WESTERN

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	12	2	4	40	44	15
LA Galaxy	11	7	1	34	26	22
FC Dallas	8	7	5	29	25	25
Seattle	8	5	5	29	27	24
Minnesota United	8	7	3	27	33	27
Houston	8	6	3	27	26	22
Real Salt Lake	8	8	2	26	25	28
San Jose	7	7	4	25	29	30
Portland	6	8	2	20	25	28
Vancouver	4	7	8	20	21	25
Colorado	5	10	4	19	29	38

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Thursday, July 4

FC Dallas 2, D.C. United 0

New England 2, Colorado 1

LA Galaxy 2, Toronto FC 0

Saturday, July 6

Orlando City at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Houston at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m.

Minnesota United at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.

Seattle at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.

Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Los Angeles FC, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 7

New York at Atlanta, 11 a.m.

Portland at New York City FC, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, July 12

New England at D.C. United, 4 p.m.

Los Angeles FC at Houston, 6 p.m.

San Jose at LA Galaxy, 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

Columbus at Orlando City, 4:30 p.m.

Toronto FC at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.

Cincinnati at Chicago, 5 p.m.

FC Dallas at Minnesota United, 5 p.m.

Philadelphia at Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m.

Sporting Kansas City at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Colorado at Portland, 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 14

Atlanta at Seattle, 1 p.m.

New York City FC at New York, 3:30 p.m.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

LONDON (AP) — Results Friday from Wimbledon at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club (seedings in parentheses):

MEN’S SINGLES

Third Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4.

Ugo Humbert, France, def. Felix Auger Aliassime (19), Canada, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

David Goffin (21), Belgium, def. Daniil Medvedev (11), Russia, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Thomas Fabbiano, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

Guido Pella (26), Argentina, def. Kevin Anderson (4), South Africa, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Milos Raonic (15), Canada, def. Reilly Opelka, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-1.

Roberto Bautista-Agut (23), Spain, def. Karen Khachanov (10), Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Benoit Paire (28), France, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (2).

WOMEN’S SINGLES

Third Round

Elena Svitolina (8), Ukraine, def. Maria Sakkari (31), Greece, 6-3, 6-7 (1), 6-2.

Petra Martic (24), Croatia, def. Danielle Rose Collins, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, def. Anett Kontaveit (20), Estonia, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

Karolina Pliskova (3), Czech Republic, def. Su-Wei Hsieh (28), Chinese Taipei, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Simona Halep (7), Romania, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 6-3, 6-1.

Cori Gauff, United States, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 3-6, 7-6 (7), 7-5.

Shuai Zhang, China, def. Caroline Wozniacki (14), Denmark, 6-4, 6-2.

Dayana Yastremska, Ukraine, def. Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-3.

MEN’S DOUBLES

First Round

Ivan Dodig, Croatia and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, def. Jamie Murray, Britain and Neal Skupski (10), Britain, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Second Round

Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Marcelo Melo (1), Brazil, def. Matt Reid, Australia and Alex de Minaur, Australia, 6-7 (1), 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (10).

Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil and Divij Sharan, India, def. Sander Gille, Belgium and Jordan Vliegen, Belgium, 7-6 (1), 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Nicolas Mahut, France and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (11), France, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Aisam Qureshi, Pakistan and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil and Mate Pavic (4), Croatia, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.

Henri Kontinen, Finland and John Peers (8), Australia, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden and Tim Puetz, Germany, 4-6, 6-7 (1), 7-6 (9), 6-3, 6-4.

Rajeev Ram, United States and Joe Salisbury (12), Britain, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia and Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 7-5, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Frederik Nielsen, Denmark and Robin Haase (16), Netherlands, def. Ken Skupski, Britain and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 7-6 (14), 7-6 (7), 7-6 (2).

Michael Venus, New Zealand and Raven Klaasen (3), South Africa, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia and Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Horia Tecau, Romania and Jean-Julien Rojer (5), Netherlands, def. Fabrice Martin, France and Hugo Nys, France, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Robert Farah, Colombia and Juan Sebastian Cabal (2), Colombia, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan and Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

WOMEN’S DOUBLES

Second Round

Abigail Spears, United States and Nadia Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium and Johanna Larsson (12), Sweden, 6-3, 6-3.

Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Melichar (7), United States, def. Desirae Krawczyk, United States and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, 6-4, 6-4.

Latisha Chan, Chinese Taipei and Hao-Ching Chan (9), Chinese Taipei, def. Allison van Uytvanck, Belgium and Greet Minnen, Belgium, 6-2, 6-1.

Elise Mertens, Belgium and Aryna Sabalenka (6), Belarus, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia and Shuko Aoyama, Japan, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-4.

Saisai Zheng, China and Ying-Ying Duan (13), China, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic and Makoto Ninomiya, Japan, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

Yifan Xu, China and Gabriela Dabrowski (4), Canada, def. Arina Rodionova, Australia and Kateryna Kozlova, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1.

Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany and Demi Schuurs (8), Netherlands, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland and Astra Sharma, Australia, 6-3, 6-0.

Barbora Krejckova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (2), Czech Republic, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine and Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 4-1, ret.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round

Denys Molchanov, Ukraine and Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 7-6 (6), 1-6, 6-4.

Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands and Zhaoxuan Yang, China, def. Naomi Broady, Britain and Jonny O Mara, Britain, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Marcus Daniell, New Zealand and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia and Desirae Krawczyk, United States, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Henri Kontinen, Finland and Heather Watson, Britain, def. Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-3, 6-2.

Venus Williams, United States and Frances Tiafoe, United States, def. Scott Clayton, Britain and Sarah Beth Grey, Britain, 6-2, 6-3.

Shuko Aoyama, Japan and Christopher Rungkat, Indonesia, def. Nicolas Mahut, France and Alize Cornet, France, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Philipp Oswald, Austria and Monique Adamczak, Australia, def. Kevin Krawietz, Germany and Sabrina