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## Eggers will promote new book in Pendleton

His eighth book tells the story of Trail Blazer Kersey

By ANNIE FOWLER  
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PENDLETON — Kerry Eggers, a six-time Oregon Sports Writer of the Year, returns Thursday, Oct. 28, to Pendleton to promote his latest book, "Jerome Kersey: Overcoming the Odds."

The event begins at 5 p.m.

at Mac's Bar and Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Eggers, 68, will give a short talk about the book, take questions from the audience and sign books, which will be available at the event for \$25.

The book is Eggers' eighth, and follows his 2018 book "Jail Blazers."

"I've been around a long time," Eggers said. "I did cover



Eggers

the team when Jerome played. I knew him as well as any sports writer at the time. He seemed to be indestructible."

The rags-to-riches life story of one of the most successful and popular players in Portland Trail Blazers history is told in this biography of Kersey, who died in 2015 at age 52 of a pulmonary embolism after routine knee surgery.

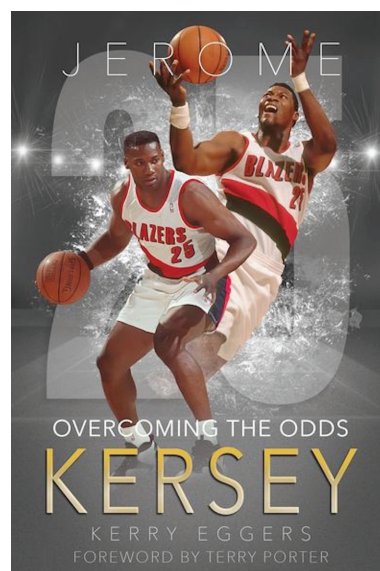
"He played 17 seasons in the NBA and never had one surgery," Eggers said.

According to promotional

information, Kersey was raised by grandparents in rural Virginia in the 1960's and '70s, and was among the least likely of all eventual NBA stars.

A late-bloomer as a basketball player, he was overlooked by college scouts. He signed with Longwood College in nearby Farmville, Va., which was just making the transition from NCAA Division III to Division II.

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Kerry Eggers/Contributed Photo

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# A HEFTY ENDEAVOR



Kathy Aney/East Oregonian

Pendleton High School special education teacher Katie Hall will compete Nov. 5, 2021, at the IPL Drug Tested World Championships in Costa Mesa, California.

## Pendleton High teacher to compete in powerlifting championships

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HELIX — If you need to find Katie Hall at lunchtime, check the Pendleton High School weight room.

The special education teacher tries to fit in her workouts whenever and wherever she can as she prepares for the International Powerlifting League Drug Tested World Championships on Nov. 5, in Costa Mesa, California.

"I have to fit it in between kids, job and all that," Hall said.

The Pendleton football players might have a newfound respect for Hall, who will open the World Championships with a 375-pound squat, a 195-pound bench press and a 405-pound deadlift.

The championships will be the third powerlifting meet of the year for Hall, who also competed in Eugene and Seattle. She will compete in the open division.

"I'm looking forward to it," Hall said. "I feel really good, to be honest. My body doesn't have any issues. Training has been going really, really well. I am sitting about sixth in the field. A couple of women have numbers I can't touch. There is a group of four or five of us that is really tight and will be going after that third podium spot. I'm surprised I'm even here. Let's go see what happens. I think it's exciting to be in the position I'm in. I'm excited to see in a year what shape I'm in."

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Katie Hall squats 350 pounds during a workout Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at 1910 Crossfit in Pendleton. Hall is aiming to compete Nov. 5, in Costa Mesa, California, at the International Powerlifting League Drug Tested World Championships.

## ON THE SLATE

Tuesday, Oct. 26

**Prep girls soccer**

Irrigon at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.  
Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

McLoughlin at Baker, 5 p.m.

MCC/GSL District Tournament: Hermiston at Mead, 7 p.m.

**Prep boys soccer**

Irrigon at Ukiah/Long Creek, 4 p.m.  
Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Prep volleyball**

BMC playoffs: Weston-McEwen at Union, TBD; Grant Union at Stanfield, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

**Prep volleyball**

1A state tournament: Ione/Arlington at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28

**Prep volleyball**

Hermiston at Richland, 5:30 p.m.

**Prep girls soccer**

Riverside at Umatilla, 4 p.m.  
Pendleton at Ridgeview, 4:30 p.m.

**Prep boys soccer**

Ridgeview at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.  
Riverside at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

**College volleyball**

Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.

**College men's soccer**

Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 12:30 p.m.

**College women's soccer**

Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 29

**Prep football**

Hermiston at Hanford, 7 p.m.  
Heppner at Umatilla, 7 p.m.  
Nyssa at McLoughlin, 7 p.m.  
Stanfield at Irrigon, 7 p.m.  
Grant Union at Weston-McEwen 7 p.m.

**Prep cross-country**

Heppner, Nixyaawii, Pilot Rock, Riverside, Stanfield/Echo, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen at 3A/2A/1A Special District 5 Championships, John Day, TBD  
McLoughlin at GOL District Championships, Milton-Freewater, TBD

**Prep slowpitch softball**

2A/3A Tournament: Hermiston vs. Lake Washington, 10 a.m., Yakima

**College volleyball**

Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30

**Prep volleyball**

1A state tournament: Echo vs. TBD

**College football**

Carroll College at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

**Prep cross-county**

Hermiston at District 8 3A/4A Cross-country Championships, Spokane, TBD

## SPORTS SHORT

# Farrington breaks EOU career scoring record

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LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University has a new all-time leader in goals in women's soccer.

Morgan Farrington broke Eastern's record in goals Friday, Oct. 23, against Carroll College at Community Stadium, La Grande.

Farrington, a senior from Meridian, Idaho, scored both goals in the Mountaineers' 2-0 victory in Cascade Collegiate Conference play. With the win, EOU improves to 10-4-0 overall and is 7-3-0 in conference play.

The two goals brought Farrington's career total to



Farrington

30, surpassing Kristin Rice's total of 29 that she set between the 2003-06 seasons.

Defensively, EOU held Carroll without a shot on goal in the first 45 minutes of play while the offense had eight in that same span.

Farrington's first goal came in the second minute as she played a pass from Kana Mateaki to find the back of the net. Her goal gave EOU a quick 1-0 lead and tied her for the program record for career goals scored.

Despite the early goal by Eastern, the score remained at 1-0 going into half-time. EOU had its chances though, putting up seven more shots on goal before the break.

In the second half, Farrington needed just 46 seconds to etch her name into the record books. She played a pass from Mackinley Gregus and scored from the right side, 20 yards out, to become the career leader in goals scored.

EOU goalkeeper Madeline Barker grabbed two saves to earn the shutout victory.

In net, Sarah Conway had 10 saves for the Saints.

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