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## Sports shorts

### CFP, NCAA will reimburse athletes' families for travel

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The College Football Playoff said it will help pay for the parents and guardians of Ohio State and Oregon players to travel to the national championship game in North Texas on Monday.

The NCAA granted a waiver to the College Football Playoff to provide a reimbursement of up to \$1,250 per parent or guardian that will cover hotel accommodations, travel and meals.

The NCAA also announced it will provide a similar reimbursement to the families of athletes who compete in the men's and women's basketball Final Fours.

The NCAA will pay up to \$3,000 total in travel, hotel and meal expenses for family members of student-athletes who compete in the Final Four. The NCAA will pay up to \$4,000 for each of the student-athletes who compete in championship games.

### UFC Champion Jon Jones entering drug treatment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones has entered drug treatment, the mixed martial arts promotion says.

The UFC announced Tuesday that Jones failed a random drug test last month.

The Nevada Athletic Commission says Jones tested positive for the main metabolite of cocaine, according to Yahoo Sports. Benzoyllecgonine is not banned by the commission for out-of-competition use, so Jones wasn't penalized or suspended.

Jones defeated Daniel Cormier by unanimous decision at UFC 182 in Las Vegas last Saturday night.

The 27-year-old Jones (21-1) is considered the world's best pound-for-pound MMA fighter. His victory over Cormier, a previously unbeaten contender, was his eighth consecutive title defense since winning the belt in March 2011.

UFC President Dana White says he is proud of Jones for deciding to enter a drug treatment facility.

"Did they record him? I'd love to see his face [when he said it]."

— **Terrell Suggs**  
Baltimore Ravens lineman on Tom Brady's favorable comments regarding Suggs. He and the New England Patriots quarterback have a rocky history that includes numerous barbs at one another in interviews. Brady called Suggs "phenomenal" on Tuesday. The Ravens and Patriots square off in the playoffs on Saturday.

**THIS DATE IN SPORTS**  
1972 — The Los Angeles Lakers defeat the Atlanta Hawks 134-90 for their 33rd straight victory, an NBA record.

1992 — Pitchers Tom Seaver and Rollie Fingers are elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Seaver receives the highest percentage of votes in baseball history.

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## College Football

# Grasu anchors Oregon's O-line

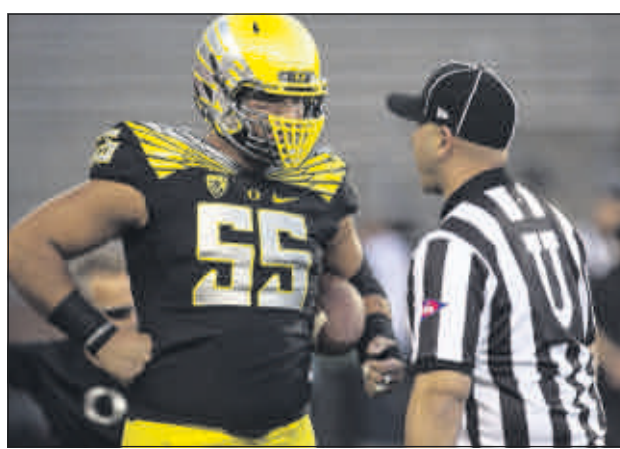
## Senior guides Ducks through season of adversity

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon center Hroniss Grasu jokes about how he should have planned ahead: His apartment lease ran out, so he's staying in a hotel while the Ducks prepare for the national championship.

Kidding aside, living out of a suitcase is just fine with Grasu because it means he gets to play in one more game with the Ducks.

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While quarterback Marcus Mariota is the unquestioned leader of the team, Oregon center Hroniss Grasu is its anchor.

AP Photo/Dean Hare, File

about what I've got to do to get this team in the best position to win," he said. "We'll just do whatever it takes."

The 6-foot-3 senior, who is just shy of 300 pounds, is considered one of the best players at his position in the nation and a top prospect at center for the NFL draft this spring. He's always been a perfect fit in Oregon's hyper-drive offense because he's quick and agile despite his size.

Going into the season, it looked like Oregon's offensive line — which helped Oregon lead the Pac-12 in rushing, scoring and total offense last season — would be a force with five returning starters.

But then left tackle Tyler Johnstone injured his right knee during

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## HERMISTON

# Bulldogs claw back, down Tigers

## Hermiston opens fourth on 11-point run to pull out win

By SAM BARBEE  
EO Media Group

Jake McElligott got his first home win as the head coach of the Hermiston boys basketball team Tuesday night as the Bulldogs rallied back with a 20-point final quarter to down the 10th-ranked 4A La Grande Tigers 51-44 behind Dillon Zimmerly's 18 points and Keegan Crafton's 12.

"It feels nice," McElligott said after the win. "I'm proud of how the boys fought, going down early in the first quarter and coming out in the third quarter flat, but there are still things we need to work on."

The win gives the Bulldogs (3-8) a little bit of bragging rights over the neighbor to the south, as well.

"Especially playing against these guys," Zimmerly said. "We've been playing them since we were 9 years old, and it's nice to beat them for the last time."

After making all three 3-point attempts in the first quarter and going 4 of 6 in the second, La Grande cooled considerably in the second half, hitting 2 of 4. Hermiston's perimeter defense tightened up, forcing Tiger shooters to put it on the deck instead of taking wide open threes.

"It's kind of been our problem other games, too — teams making 3s," Zimmerly said about the Bulldogs' 3-point defense. "So, we're working on closing out better."

The first quarter was all La Grande.

The Tigers (8-3) hit their first two shots — both threes. Hermiston didn't score until the 4:09 mark to make the count and La Grande finished the opening period with an 11-4 edge.

The Bulldogs mounted a charge in the second quarter by scoring the first five points on an Austin Naillon three and a putback by Landon Gammell. Hermiston and La Grande traded baskets, and Hermiston trailed 15-11 when Zimmerly hit a layup and was fouled. His 3-point play brought Hermiston within a point at 15-14 and tied it at 17 moments later.

"I wouldn't call it smoother," McElligott said of the second-quarter offense. "When we came back, Z (Zimmerly) hit a big 3 in a scattered court. We did run some sets well and got Keegan some good looks on lobs, but we got a long ways to go."

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Hermiston's Keegan Crafton shoots the ball over La Grande's Andrew Kevan (40) and Drew Hively in the Bulldogs' 51-44 win against the Tigers on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Prep Basketball

# Stout frontcourt leads Bucks

## McGlothlan, Williams propel Pendleton to win

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PENDLETON — Against an undersized Baker squad, the Pendleton girls basketball team took advantage of its size, feeding its posts for plethora of easy looks at the basket Tuesday.

The result was a 69-36 walloping of the Baker Bulldogs at Warberg Court which found 11 players in the score column, including three in double figures.

"Offensively we moved the ball really well," Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez said. "We didn't hesitate to get it to the open person."

Post players Kristin Williams and Kalan McGlothlan were especially effective, scoring 10 points apiece with all of their baskets coming in the paint. Williams, a senior, also blocked six shots, while McGlothlan, a freshman grabbed eight rebounds.

Junior Shelby Greb led Pendleton (8-5) scorers with 11 points.

The Buckaroos (8-5) bounded out to a 30-20 first half lead over Baker (4-8) and then used a 24-point third quarter to put the

game on ice.

Baker's Brie Sand led all scorers with 17 points.

Pendleton hosts Lebanon on Saturday at 4 p.m.

PENDLETON 69, BAKER 36  
BHS (4-8) 8 12 6 10 — 36  
PHS (8-5) 11 19 24 15 — 69  
BAKER — Bruce 6, Flanagan 4, Huggins 4, Sand 17, Lemmon 2, Phillips 2, Lehnan 1.  
PENDLETON — D. Clem 2, S. Greb 11, D. Lindsay 7, F. Dick 8, H. Greb 3, K. Sperl 7, K. Williams 10, L. Taylor 4, M. Bodmer 5, C. Hoffman 2, K. McGlothlan 10, H. Thompson 0.  
3-point field goals — BHS 0, PHS 4. Free throws — BHS 12-20, PHS 9-17. Fouls — BHS 10, PHS 20. Fouled out — H. Greb (PHS)

HERMISTON 47, LA GRANDE 30 — At La Grande, Hermiston (10-2) used its deep bench and a few timely shots to put away overmatched La Grande (7-5) Tuesday night.

Coming off a blowout of Kennewick in which the team netted 85 points and a record 17 three-pointers, the baskets weren't as easy to come by Tuesday.

The Bulldogs scored just seven points in the first quarter before a full court press caused some turnovers and shots began to fall. That spurred a 16-point second quarter and a 23-10 halftime lead over La Grande.

"You go into La Grande, you know it isn't an easy place to play," said coach

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## MLB



AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin, File

Randy Johnson pumps his fists after throwing out the first pitch during ceremonies commemorating the 10th anniversary of Johnson's perfect game last year in Phoenix.

# Big Unit headlines Hall of Fame class

By RONALD BLUM  
Associated press

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and John Smoltz dominated in an era of offense, each in their own way.

The 6-foot-10 Big Unit became the tallest of 215 players elected to baseball's Hall of Fame and the 5-foot-11 Martinez the shortest pitcher picked for

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