



Sports shorts

Cousins to replace Kobe Bryant in All-Star game

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver has selected Sacramento Kings center DeMarcus Cousins to replace injured Lakers star Kobe Bryant on the Western Conference All-Star team.

The commissioner's decision Friday sends Cousins to the All-Star game for the first time in his five-year career. He becomes Sacramento's first All-Star since Brad Miller and Peja Stojakovic in 2004.

Silver's selection leaves Portland Trail Blazers point guard Damian Lillard as the game's biggest snub. Lillard was an All-Star last year and had made a strong case to go again this season.

Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr, who is leading the West, will decide who replaces Bryant in the starting lineup. Kerr will choose from a roster that includes Houston's James Harden and Warriors guard Klay Thompson.

Woods posts 82, highest score as pro

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tiger Woods never looked more lost on the golf course Friday on his way to an 82, the worst score of his career.

Woods hit wedges fat and thin, but never close. He hit a tee shot in the water and another into a desert bush. And when he missed a 10-foot par putt on his final hole at the TPC Scottsdale, he had an 11-over 82 and was headed home.

This might have been more painful than getting his tooth knocked out last week in Italy.

His previous worst score was an 81 in the third round at Muirfield in the 2002 British Open, in 40 mph wind and rain. There was a light drizzle in the Valley of the Sun, and Woods hit a low point.

“People not only here in Chicago but people around the world recognize the type of individual he was. It’s beginning to sink in now — I’ve lost a great friend, you’ve lost a great friend.”

— Billy Williams

Former Chicago Cubs teammate of the recently deceased Ernie Banks at Mr. Cub’s visitation Friday. A 1977 MLB Hall of Fame inductee, Banks died of a heart attack at the age of 83 on Jan. 23. A memorial service will be held Saturday, which would’ve marked his 84th birthday.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1993 — The Dallas Cowboys win the Super Bowl, beating Buffalo 52-17 and giving the Bills their third straight loss in the title game, a league record.
1999 — John Elway gets his second straight Super Bowl ring, leading the Denver Broncos to a 34-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

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Super Bowl XLIX

Legion of Boom will deliver win

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The sideshow is over, which means Marshawn Lynch can go back to not talking and this realization can become obvious again: The Seattle Seahawks are still the best defensive team in football. And as we saw in last year’s Super Bowl, defense still usually wins. “We’ve got a lot of big-name guys, but you would never know because they work like they’re just

average players,” Seattle linebacker Bruce Irvin said. “They never let the starting get to their head and I think that’s the biggest difference. Guys always come to work ready to work. I think that separates us from a lot of teams that we practice our tails off. We bust our butts during the week so when Sunday comes it’s much easier.” Therein lays the challenge in Seattle’s attempt on Sunday to become the first team in a decade to win See SUPER BOWL/3B



Seattle Seahawks’ Richard Sherman puts his helmet on during a team practice for NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, in Tempe, Ariz. The Seahawks play the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015.

PENDLETON

Buckaroos hang on



Pendleton's Marlene Bodmer puts up a shot guarded by The Dalles' Brooke McCall in the Bucks' 61-59 win against the Riverhawks on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

PENDLETON

Hawks stop sick Bucks

East Oregonian

THE DALLES — The Pendleton Buckaroos simply faced too many obstacles in Friday's Columbia River Conference loss to The Dalles. With most of the team battling flu-like symptoms the Bucks fell behind early and never recovered in a 60-41 defeat. First-year Pendleton coach Brian Broadus said his team never gave up, but a disparity in personal fouls helped the home team hold on. “We were definitely not the more aggressive team tonight,” Broadus said. “We had sick kids that could hardly move and (the referees) established really quick how it was going to be.”

The Dalles (2-15, 1-1 CRC) went 21 for 35 at the charity stripe and Pendleton (10-7, 0-2) saw starters Kai Quinn, Wes Persinger and Caden Smith all foul out. The Dalles led 20-2 after one quarter and won at home for the first time this season. Sonny Green led Pendleton with 11 points and Coby Conlee paced The Dalles with 14.

Boys Hoops
The Dalles 61
Pendleton 40
Girls Hoops
Pendleton 61
The Dalles 59

THE DALLES 60, PENDLETON 41
PHS (10-7) 2 10 12 17 — 41
TDHS (2-15) 20 14 10 20 — 60
PENDLETON — Sonny Green 11, C. Smith 9, W. Persinger 8, K. Quinn 4, J. Bradt 4, T. Hancock 3, C. Cockburn 1, M. Foreman, V. Morris, D. Roe.
THE DALLES — Coby Conlee 14, C. Noonan 12, S. Douthitt 9, D. Wilson 8, T. Byers 6, C. Walker 5, A. Esiquio 3, D. Murr 2.
3-point field goals — PHS 5, TDHS 1. **Free throws** — PHS 12-18, TDHS 21-35. **Fouls** — PHS 29, TDHS 15. **Fouled out** — Quinn, Persinger, Smith (PHS); Noonan (TDHS).

Pendleton ekes out win over The Dalles

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

From her vantage point near halfcourt Pendleton senior Marlene Bodmer could tell Iliana Telles' go-ahead three-point try would not find the net.

Still Telles' shot, and the game's final 30 seconds were far too close for comfort for the Buckaroos, who escaped with a 61-59 over The Dalles in a Columbia River Conference league tilt at Warberg Court Friday. With 1:41 left in regulation,

Pendleton (12-5, 2-0 CRC) held a comfortable 10-point advantage over The Dalles (8-8, 0-2 CRC). A slew of Buckaroo turnovers and Riverhawk three-point strikes changed that in a hurry. Twice the Riverhawks had tries See BUCKAROOS/2B

HERMISTON

Bulldogs power to head of conference

Hermiston last unbeaten CRC team

By SAM BARBEE
EO Media Group

After a quarter of play Friday, the demons that have plagued the Hermiston boys basketball team were once again on display. Turnovers and contested shots played right in to Hood River Valley players' hands, who would take the steals or the rebounds and turn them into points at the other end.

The Eagles didn't shoot particularly well that quarter, but Hermiston couldn't get out of its own way.

Then, in the second quarter,

the Bulldogs took control, finishing the first half up 33-25 and riding that lead to a 69-55 win over their Columbia River Conference foes in the Dawghouse.

“It definitely gives everyone confidence,” Hermiston senior Keegan Crafton said. “Everybody needs confidence, and that’s what we’re getting from this game.”

Crafton scored 20 points and was active on the boards all See BULLDOGS/2B

Boys Hoops
Hermiston 69
Hood River 55



Hermiston's Cole Smith (32) spins past Hood River Valley's Zak Ellsworth (right) and Scottie Ziegner on the way to the basket during the first half of their Columbia River Conference basketball game Friday night in the Dawghouse.

Sam Barbee photo