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## Sports shorts

### Pitchers, catchers report this week

(AP) — Washington's star-studded rotation reports to Florida. Matt Harvey continues his comeback with the New York Mets. Joe Maddon takes over the Chicago Cubs, and Russell Martin gets a closer look at Toronto's pitching staff.



While much of the Northeast and Midwest navigates bitter cold and piles of snow, spring training begins in earnest this week when pitchers and catchers file into camps in Florida and Arizona. World Champion San Francisco is one of four National League teams slated to begin on Thursday, and most of the majors' pitchers and backstops will be in place by this weekend.

### Bosch sentenced to four years in prison

MIAMI (AP) — The former owner of the South Florida clinic that supplied performance-enhancing substances to Major League Baseball players and other athletes has been sentenced

to four years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Darin Gayles imposed the sentence Tuesday on Anthony Bosch, who was seeking a

more lenient term because of his cooperation in the investigation. Prosecutors said Bosch could still get his sentence reduced through further cooperation.

Bosch pleaded guilty in October to conspiracy to distribute testosterone to athletes from the now-closed Biogenesis of America clinic in Coral Gables. One customer was New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez.

Bosch and Rodriguez are expected to testify if Rodriguez cousin Yuri Sucart and ex-University of Miami pitching coach Lazaro Collazo go to trial as scheduled in April.

"I regret that my actions made the situation worse than it needed to be. To Major League Baseball, the Yankees, the Steinbrenner family, the Players Association and you, the fans, I can only say I'm sorry."

— Alex Rodriguez  
Major League Baseball player on decision to use performance enhancing drugs. Rodriguez released a handwritten apology letter Tuesday.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1951 — Arrests are ordered for three CCNY basketball players on bribery charges and two professional gamblers and two intermediaries in a game-fixing scandal involving college teams across the country.

1986 — San Antonio's Alvin Robertson records the second quadruple-double in NBA history, with 20 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals in the Spurs' 120-114 win over Phoenix.

1990 — Dale Earnhardt blows a tire with one mile remaining in the Daytona 500, giving unheralded Derrike Cope the biggest upset in stock car racing history.

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## Prep Basketball

# Vikings headed to state playoffs

## Umatilla girls, boys win district games

By SAM BARBEE  
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After the Umatilla girls basketball team's 46-35 district win over Nyssa Tuesday night, cheers erupted from the locker room. Head coach Scott Bow was reading off the goals his team had set for itself this season. Win a playoff game. Check. Qualify for state. Check.

Next on Umatilla's list: beat Vale on Friday.

GIRLS HOOPS	
Umatilla 46	Nyssa 35

"I'm excited," sophomore Aleasha Watson said of playing Vale. "I'm ready to go. I'm ready to get after it."

For now, though, Umatilla gets to celebrate its qualifying for the state tournament for the first time in two years.

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Nyssa's Mikki Jenson (20) rips away a rebound from Umatilla's Kassandra Galbraith during the first quarter of Umatilla's 46-35 state-qualifying win over the Bulldogs on Tuesday in Umatilla.

Sam Barbee photo

## PENDLETON



Pendleton's Kai Quinn puts up a running jump shot in the Bucks' 72-60 win against Hood River on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

# Buckaroos back on top

## Pendleton takes CRC lead with win over Hood River

By ERIK SKOPIK  
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Two weeks ago Pendleton was in the league cellar. With five consecutive wins they've thrust themselves out of the backseat and into the driver's seat in the Columbia River Conference.

The Bulldogs completed the rapid turnaround with a 72-60 victory over Hood River Valley, which entered Tuesday's meeting at Warberg Court tied atop the CRC with the Buckaroos.

Now with control of its own destiny, Pendleton is on the cusp of its first league title in three years. With two games remaining, Pendleton holds a one-game edge on the field and already owns series victories over Hood River Valley and Hermiston.

BOYS HOOPS	
Pendleton 72	Hood River 60

"We knew a lot was on the line," said senior center Wes Persinger, who finished with a game-high 22 points and nine rebounds. "We had to win the game to eventually win the conference. We knew what was on the line and we had to come out and play for it."

The urgency was clear in their play from the tip. Pendleton (15-7, 5-2 CRC) opened with a flurry, rushing out to a 13-3 lead over HRV (11-10, 4-3 CRC). Unlike the first meeting at Warberg Court, there was no Buckaroo collapse on Tuesday. Pendleton led by double figures for the entirety of the second half and sidestepped any potential trouble with cleaner, more efficient play.

"Tonight we played as a team. We moved the ball around. We were

giving up good shots for perfect shots," Persinger said.

Pendleton was beyond sloppy in the team's first meeting on Jan. 23 — an 82-72 Eagle come-from-behind win. The Bucks turned it over 32 times in the game, but gave it away just eight times Tuesday.

"We said (the first game) isn't our identity, we need to slow it down, grind, get it into Wes," Pendleton coach Brian Broaddus said.

Persinger was saddled by foul trouble the entire second half but remained Pendleton's hoss. He had 15 of his game-high 22 in the second 16 minutes, including a 12-point third quarter which helped Pendleton blow the game open.

Fellow senior Sonny Green finished it off. Green drilled a triple on Pendleton's first trip of the fourth and followed it up with a floater on the next. All in all he finished with 11 of his team's 21 fourth quarter points.

"We went on big runs and basketball is a game of runs, so we

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## HERMISTON

# Ramirez sparks Dawgs

## Hermiston comes from behind to extend winning streak

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The Hermiston Bulldogs were on the ropes and in need of a spark.

With their 23-game Columbia River Conference winning streak in danger of being snapped, junior guard Sara Ramirez answered the call and led the Bulldogs back for a 46-43 win over

The Dalles on Tuesday in The Dawghouse.

Ramirez scored 15 of her game-high 18 points in the second half, and provided an example her teammates eagerly followed to the team's 24th CRC win in a row.

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## HERMISTON Bulldogs go cold in loss

## The Dalles extends Hermiston's woes

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THE DALLES — The Riverhawks came out of half-time on a hot streak to snatch the lead, and the Bulldogs shooters weren't able to hit their shots down the stretch as The Dalles defeated Hermiston 48-44 in Columbia River Conference play on Tuesday.

"We had some wide open shot and we just couldn't get anything to fall," said Hermiston coach Jake McElligott.

Hermiston (6-15, 3-4 CRC) overcame a sloppy first quarter to take a 24-21

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GIRLS HOOPS	
Hermiston 46	The Dalles 43