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Sports shorts

Two prep coaches suspended for encouraging tanking

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Two Tennessee girls basketball high school coaches have been suspended for trying to get their teams to lose a game in an attempt to avoid the top-ranked squad and improve their chances of advancing in the state tournament.



Rutherford County Director of Schools Don Odom announced Wednesday that Smyrna's Shawn Middleton and Riverdale's Cory Barnett wouldn't be permitted to coach at their schools or at any other Rutherford County Schools athletic program during the 2015-16 school year.

Smyrna and Riverdale were banned from the playoffs Monday.

Hamilton meets with MLB about disciplinary issue

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Angels outfielder Josh Hamilton is meeting with Major League Baseball officials about a disciplinary issue.

Angels spokesman Tim Mead confirmed the Los Angeles Times' initial report Wednesday that Hamilton went to New York to meet with baseball officials. The team declined to give any more specific information.

Hamilton hasn't reported to spring training in Arizona after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder earlier this month. He is expected to be out until after the regular season begins.

The 2010 AL MVP is entering the third season of a five-year, \$125 million contract. Hamilton has been a disappointment for the Angels, batting just .255 with 31 homers and 123 RBIs in two seasons.

Hamilton also has a well-chronicled history of drug addiction and alcohol abuse, leading to previous suspensions.

MLB declined comment on Hamilton.

"I might run out of money. I'm not going to change my game, I don't care what they say."

— **David Ortiz**
Boston Red Sox DH on baseball's new pace of play rules aimed at limiting the amount of time hitters take between pitches. Ortiz, who has one of baseball's most lengthy batting routines, could be fined by MLB up to \$500 for each offense.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1935 — Babe Ruth is released by the New York Yankees and signed by the Boston Braves.

1981 — The Boston Bruins beat the Minnesota North Stars 5-1 in a game marred by fights. The teams set an NHL record with 84 penalties worth 392 minutes, and 12 players are ejected.

2012 — Pete Weber wins a record fifth U.S. Open bowling championship, throwing a strike on his final ball to beat Mike Fagan 215-214. Weber surpasses his father, Dick Weber.

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PENDLETON

Warriors battle back for win

Walla Walla catches Blue Mountain in overtime

By **MATT ENTRUP**
East Oregonian

The Blue Mountain Timberwolves were just a hop, skip and jump away from knocking off East Region No. 1 Walla Walla on Wednesday at Mosby Court.

A traveling violation negated their go-ahead basket with 4.3 seconds left in regulation, and the Warriors made their only lead of the game stick in overtime for an 87-83 win.

Blue Mountain (15-9, 8-5 East) led by as many as 15 points in the second half, but Walla Walla (20-5, 11-2) made 8 of 18 three-pointers in the second half to close the gap.

The Warriors finished the comeback on a Karli McHone trey with under a minute to play, but with the shot clock off and the ball in sophomore guard Mar'Shay Moore's hands, BMCC was poised to salvage victory.

As the clock ticked down to six seconds, Moore popped from behind a high screen and accelerated into the lane, twisting her way through the collapsing Warrior defense and leaping between two defenders before rattling in the most impressive shot on a night filled with them.

A shrill whistle stopped the celebration short, though, as the referee rolled his forearms in the worst-timed hustle in Mosby Court history.

"I think it was a travel, but I think she got bumped



BMCC's Mar'Shay Moore shoots the ball over Walla Walla's Kennedy Corrigan in the Timberwolves' 87-83 loss to the Warriors on Wednesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

too," said BMCC coach Adam Driver. "So was that enough to cause the travel? I don't know. I was trying to get that point across but

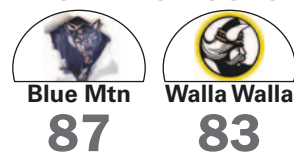
you're not going to change the call at that point anyway."

"I guess I didn't stop well enough with two feet," said

Moore, who finished with a game-high 40 points and 10 rebounds, and led her team with four assists.

Walla Walla's Courtney

WOMEN'S HOOPS



Davis got off a three-pointer at the buzzer in regulation that was too long, but it was her four-point play that gave the Warriors their first lead of the game with 2:24 left in overtime.

Davis was fouled during the follow through on a long three-pointer that found nothing but net to tie the score at 77-77, then after making her ensuing free throw, followed a BMCC miss with another long dagger that made it 81-77. She scored nine of her 13 points in overtime.

Moore connected from long range to pull within 83-82 with 21 seconds left, but with the shot clock off the T-Wolves were forced to foul Kennedy Corrigan, who made both of her bonus shots to bring her up to 26 points in the game.

Moore's three-pointer with 14 seconds showing was a little too strong and Walla Walla secured the rebound, and BMCC's fate.

It was a stunning turn over events considering BMCC's dominance for most of the game.

Moore scored 12 of BMCC's last 15 points in the first half, and went into the locker room with 19 points and her team leading 36-28.

After the break she looked to get her teammates more involved, and Riley Gerlinger and Kayla Reyna added three-pointers as BMCC stretched out its lead over the first 10 minutes.

Reyna banked in back-to-back three-pointers high

See **COMEBACK/2B**

PENDLETON

Walla Walla drops BMCC

T-Wolves take worst loss of season

By **ERIK SKOPIK**
East Oregonian

The Timberwolves men's basketball team's struggles continued Wednesday.

Visiting Walla Walla Community College bombed in 22 three-pointers to blow past Blue Mountain Community College 106-72 in each team's penultimate regular season game at Mosby Court.

The loss guaranteed that the T-Wolves (6-19, 2-11) will finish last place in the NWAC East. BMCC snapped a six-game losing Saturday versus Yakima

See **WORST LOSS/2B**

MENS HOOPS



BMCC's Jake Wells pulls down a rebound in front of Walla Walla's Nate Richards on Wednesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

College Basketball

Mounties upset Cavs

EOU advances to semis

East Oregonian

PORTLAND — The Eastern Oregon men's basketball team led only three times in Tuesday's Cascade Collegiate Conference quarterfinals, but most importantly they led at the end.

Bryan McGriff scored a layup with 14 seconds left and the Mountaineers held on to upset second seed Concordia 69-68.

McGriff led four Mountaineers to reach double digits scoring with 26 points. Calvin Johanson added 13 points, all in the second half, for EOU (15-14). De'Sean Mattox followed with 11 and Case Rada scored 10.

Mountaineers won their third straight contest.

Thomas Pierce led the Cavaliers (24-6) with 21 points.

Eastern trailed by as many 15 points in the second half, but kept the lead within double digits most of the way.

They scored the last nine points in the game to complete the comeback, which started its final push with a Johanson dunk. Rada added a three-pointer with just over two minutes left, and McGriff pulled them within one on a putback with 25 seconds left.

Concordia turned the ball over on its ensuing possession, but still had plenty of chances to win the game after EOU took the lead on McGriff's lay-in.

The Cavaliers missed three more shots before the final buzzer sounded.

The Mountaineers advance to the CCC semifinals where they will face College of Idaho on Saturday at 7 p.m. (MT).

NBA

Trail Blazers beat slumping Spurs

By **NICK DASCHEL**
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Wesley Matthews scored 31 points, LaMarcus Aldridge had 11 points and 13 rebounds, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the slumping San Antonio Spurs 111-95 on Wednesday night for their first victory since the All-Star break.

Six players scored in double figures for Portland, which ended a two-game skid. Damian Lillard had 18 points and Nicolas Batum added 15.

Tim Duncan shot 9 of 12 and scored 20 points to lead San



Antonio, which lost its fourth consecutive game. Danny Green had 17 points for the defending NBA champions.

Portland was 13 of 26 from 3-point range, with Matthews hitting a team-high four 3s.

The Blazers led 51-50 at halftime after the first two quarters were decidedly one-sided.

Portland dominated the first

quarter, hitting 13 of 22 shots to take a 32-16 lead. Robin Lopez scored four points during a 10-0 run that helped the Blazers take control.

Portland led by as many as 19 early in the second quarter when momentum completely shifted in San Antonio's direction. The Spurs, who made 13 of 20 shots during the second quarter, put together a 16-2 run late in the period and pulled even at 48 on Aron Baynes' layup.

Portland re-established itself early in the third quarter, when Lillard scored six points during

See **BLAZERS/2B**