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Ex-NFL player Sharper charged with rape

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Rape charges have been filed in Las Vegas against former NFL safety Darren Sharper, who already faces sexual assault charges in Los Angeles, New Orleans and the Phoenix area.

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Sharper

Sharper's Las Vegas attorney, David Chesnoff, appeared Friday before a Las Vegas judge on two sexual assault charges involving two women in January 2014. Details of the allegations weren't immediately available.

Chesnoff says Justice of the Peace Janiece Marshall set a court hearing for April 3.

The 39-year-old Sharper is jailed in Los Angeles, where he's scheduled for a preliminary hearing Friday after pleading not guilty to drugging and raping two women in 2013.

Kershaw hit in face by liner

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Clayton Kershaw broke a tooth when was hit in the face by a line drive in the third, then he finished a sharp five-inning outing for the Los Angeles Dodgers in a 3-2 loss to the Oakland Athletics in a game between split squads Friday.

Andy Parrino's soft liner struck Kershaw on the left side of his

face. Third baseman Juan Uribe picked it up and threw wildly past first base, setting up the A's only run.

Kershaw fell in front of the mound then was examined by Dodgers trainer Stan Conte before throwing a warmup pitch. He remained in the game and allowed one run on three hits overall. He struck out four and did not walk a batter.

Kershaw also had a hit.

"Unless he's able to be back on the floor without soreness, he won't be back on the floor."

— **Sam Presti**
Oklahoma City Thunder general manager on injured superstar Kevin Durant. Durant was expected back in the next week, but his progress to return from a foot injury has not improved and the 2014 NBA Most Valuable Player may not return until after the regular season completes.

NCAA Men's Tournament

Oregon eases through first round

Young gets Ducks off to fast start, ends with 27 points

DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — With just over 4 minutes remaining in the first half Friday night, Oregon star Joseph Young had missed every time he shot the ball and managed just two points.

By halftime, he had made a mockery of Oklahoma State's stingy defense.

The Pac-12 player of the year scored 15 of his 27 points in a dazzling flurry, leading the eighth-seeded Ducks to a 79-73 win over the Cowboys in their NCAA Tournament opener.

"It's just my teammates trusting me," Young said. "They found me,

got me the ball, set good screens, and I knocked down open shots. But I really commend my team for getting me open."

Elgin Cook added 18 points and Dillon Brooks had 17 for the Ducks (26-9), who got a win for Dana Altman in his return to Omaha, where he once coached Creighton.

Up next for Oregon is the winner of top-seeded Wisconsin and Coastal Carolina.

"We have a lot of guys who have made contributions," Altman said, "but Joe and Elgin are our one-two punch most nights. And down the stretch, since we've been

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Basketball



Oregon
79



Oklahoma State
73



Oregon guard Joseph Young, left, drives to the basket past Oklahoma State forward Michael Cobbins during the second half of an NCAA tournament college basketball game in the Round of 64, Friday in Omaha, Neb. Young scored 27 points as Oregon won 79-73.

AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall

PENDLETON

Falcons soar past Buckaroos



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's James Bradt fields a grounder in the Bucks' game against Hanford on Friday in Pendleton.

Hanford snares two from Pendleton

By ERIK SKOPIK
East Oregonian

With a roster littered with multi-sport athletes who've yet to hit their stride in baseball cleats, the Buckaroos home-opening performance versus Hanford didn't catch Pendleton coach Greg Whitten off-guard.

Pendleton looked anything but a finish product, struggling to put runs on the scoreboard and to keep the Falcons off of it, taking a pair of defeats at the hand of the visitors in double-header action on Friday at Bob White Field.

"We're just hoping to get better in all aspects of the game," Whitten said. "We've scored two runs in three games. You're not going to win many games like that."

Both of those runs came in the seventh inning of Friday's first game, an 8-2 loss. The second game didn't provide an improvement in that category. The Buckaroos (0-3) failed to move a runner into scoring position and lost 4-0.

Eight players joined the Buckaroos this past week after completing a state basketball tournament run that wrapped up last Wednesday.

Baseball



Hanford
8-4



Pendleton
2-0

The hardwood heroes were thrust right into action Friday.

"We're obviously still a little rusty as a team, but I think we'll get it together," said junior Quinn Cockburn, who played with the basketball team in Corvallis last week. "We've just got to patient — but hungry also."

In an attempt to clear up his pitching rotation, Whitten threw

eight pitchers Friday. Seven were basketball players.

The result was a mixed bag.

Caden Smith and James Bradt each started a game. They each took losses. Smith allowed four runners to cross in two innings. Bradt allowed three in his two.

Wyatt Morris, TJ Hancock Quinn Cockburn and Wes Persinger combined to allow three hits and zero runs in seven combined innings of work.

"Our guys have a lot of talent. They just need to bring it all together," said Pendleton senior Alex O'Rourke, who caught all of them.

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Girls softball

Hermiston softball sweeps Post Falls in double header



Sam Barbee photo

Hermiston third baseman Elory Jones slides in under the tag of Post Falls catcher Abi Melton for Hermiston's third run of a 6-4 come-from-behind victory at Rocky Heights Elementary School on Friday. Hermiston swept the Trojans after beating them 10-6 in game 1 of the double header.

Second win comes by default

By SAM BARBEE
EO Media Group

Softball



Hermiston
10-6



Post Falls
6-4

Down 4-2 in the bottom of the fourth in the second game of a doubleheader Friday, the Hermiston softball team needed a rally.

Post Falls starting pitcher Brooke Bowers had kept Hermiston at bay all game, holding the high-powered Bulldogs to just the two runs on two hits.

In the fourth inning, however, the Bulldogs popped for three. Jaime Hinkley singled sharply into left with

two outs, plating Elizabeth Weems and Alex Barton, to put Hermiston up for good at 6-4. Post Falls went on its own rally in the top of the sixth to take an 8-6 lead, but the game was called due to darkness, with the score reverting back to that of the completed fifth inning, giving Hermiston the default win.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Hermiston

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THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1893 — The first women's college basketball game is played at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. In this game, each basket is worth 1 point and the freshman class beats the sophomore class 5-4. The game takes place behind locked doors and men are prohibited from watching.

1953 — Rookie Bob Cousy sets an NBA record with 50 points and leads the Boston Celtics to a 111-105 victory over the Syracuse Nationals in a quadruple overtime playoff game. Cousy scores 30 points from the foul line.

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