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Record 7 Wildcats to enter NBA draft

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky has a lot of spots to fill now that a record seven players have announced they will enter the NBA draft.

In a news conference Thursday, 7-footers Willie Cauley-Stein, twin guards Andrew Harrison and Aaron Harrison and freshman forwards Karl-Anthony Towns and Trey Lyles all said they will turn pro.

Also entering are 7-0 reserve center Dakari Johnson and backup shooting guard Devin Booker, completing an exodus by the Wildcats' top seven scorers.

The 6-11 Towns could be the first player chosen overall on June 25 and Cauley-Stein and Lyles could soon follow with both projected as possible lottery selections. Booker is also a potential first-rounder, with the rest projected to go in the second.

Hurley hired as new Arizona State basketball coach

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State has hired Bobby Hurley as its basketball coach.

The 43-year-old Hurley spent the past two years as the head coach at Buffalo, where he led the Bulls to 23 wins and an NCAA Tournament berth this past season.

He replaces Herb Sendek, who was fired March 24 after nine seasons.

Hurley has an extensive basketball background, playing for father Bob Hurley Sr. in Jersey City, New Jersey, and four years at Duke. A point guard, he led the Blue Devils to national championships in 1991 and 1992 and was an All-American in 1993.

Hurley spent five years in the NBA with the Sacramento Kings, playing the final four seasons after being involved in a near-fatal car accident.

"It's all about family. I live here in Pittsburgh now, and since the end of the season I've had a chance to enjoy my family on a level I never had before. It was awesome."

— **Troy Polamalu**
Pittsburgh Steelers safety on why he decided to retire Thursday. He had two seasons remaining on his contract but decided to forgo the final two to spend more time with his family. Polamalu was a pro-bowl selection in eight of his 12 seasons in the NFL. He won two Super Bowls with Pittsburgh, most recently Super Bowl XLIII in 2009.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1996 — Norm Duke sets a Professional Bowlers Association record with three consecutive 300s. Duke, who finished the first round with consecutive 300s, opens the second round with his third perfect game of the day.

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
BMCC guard Mar'Shay Moore has been named the NWAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

PENDLETON
Moore named Player of the Year
BMCC sophomore becomes first to win major award

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

Sophomore guard Mar'Shay Moore added to her storied basketball career Thursday, becoming the first Blue Mountain Community College player to be recognized as the Baden Women's Basketball Player of the Year given to the top player in the Northwest Athletic Conference.

Moore led the Timberwolves to its two best finishes in the NWAC tournament, taking the Timber-

wolves to third and fifth place finishes the past two seasons.

"To me it means a lot," Moore said. "I feel like I've worked pretty hard all throughout my entire life. To be recognized as a hard worker that has done a lot in the NWAC, that's just really amazing and incredible to be the person that is representing that."

She was named the East Region Most Valuable Player and the East Region Defensive Player of the Year last month.

Moore was the NWAC's most dynamic scorer this season. Her 24.1 points per game were tied for best in the conference and the 123 points scored in four NWAC tournament games is unmatched in league history. She topped the

30-point mark twice during the tournament, including 34 points in her BMCC finale, in the team's 92-90 win over Columbia Basin in the second runner-up game.

Behind Moore's on-court heroics, the Timberwolves finished with a 19-10 record despite finishing the season with just seven available players.

"We had a lot of bumps in the road. I feel like that all seven girls that played at the NWAC (tournament), we fought through the adversity. We played hard. That's what teammates do, they play for each other," Moore said.

"I'm very proud of Mar'Shay," BMCC coach Adam Driver said in a statement. "She worked very hard

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PENDLETON
Dark horse emerges

Freshman shines in varsity debut as Pendleton sweeps La Grande

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

With Pendleton's pitching derby heading into the home stretch, a dark horse came from out of the clouds to earn a varsity roster spot on Thursday.

Already 10 games into the season without a settled rotation, coach Tim Cary was hoping to see one of his pitchers seize the No. 1 role in their home-opening doubleheader against La Grande at Steve Cary Field.

Following a Pendleton sweep with back-to-back 12-2 wins in five innings, freshman Alexi Brehaut may have done just that.

Brehaut sparkled in her varsity debut and held La Grande to three hits in the first half of the twin bill.

She struck out five batters and walked only one while showing an effective change-up that had La Grande swinging wildly at times.

Cary said Brehaut had earned her chance during a scrimmage on Wednesday.

"We've been kind of keeping an eye on her during the freshman games but it's hard to gauge because the competition is obviously different when you throw against a freshman team," he said. "But we



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Pendleton freshman Alexi Brehaut throws from the pitching circle Thursday in the Bucks' 12-2 win against La Grande in the first game of a doubleheader in Pendleton.

could tell simply by the pitches she had been throwing, and the change-up that she's been throwing, that that's certainly going to be effective, which is why we brought her

up for the scrimmage.

"I threw her right at our best hitters and she mowed through them for three innings. So we figured we

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PENDLETON
Bucks boot Tigers

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — The Buckaroos used a season-best offensive performance to cruise to a 16-4 non-league trouncing of the La Grande Tigers on Thursday.

Behind a four-hit performance from junior Quinn Cockburn, Pendleton (4-9) posted highs in runs (16) and hits (17). Cockburn was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate and drove in three runs, including RBI singles in the first and third innings.

The Buckaroos made their move in the first and third, scoring 11 runs to jump out to a 11-4 run. Six of the first Buck batters reached on base hits to open the game, including Kai Quinn and James Bradt run-scoring triples.

Bradt brought in three runs on the day.

Jack Peterson extended the lead in the third with a one-run double that followed TJ Hancock stealing home.

Brady Smith allowed four runs in the opening inning

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The Masters

Spieth sizzles on opening day

21 year-old shoots 8-under at Augusta

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Jordan Spieth pulled off the unthinkable Thursday. With the best opening round in 19 years, he managed to make the Masters about a lot more than the Grand Slam bid of Rory McIlroy and the curious return of Tiger Woods.

Spieth was must-see TV with his 8-under 64 on a steamy afternoon at Augusta National.

"It's one of the better rounds I've ever played," he said.

That wasn't the case for McIlroy, though his round wasn't awful. The world's No. 1 player saved par four times on the front nine and scratched out a 71. Woods had three birdies in his round of 73, and while it was the first time since 2007 that he shot over par in the first round of the Masters, it was looked upon as progress. Plus, his short game looked like it was close to being



AP Photo/Chris Carlson
Jordan Spieth holds up his ball a birdie on the second hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday in Augusta, Ga.

back to normal.

But the day belonged to Spieth, a 21-year-old Texan who at least got into the Masters record book as the youngest to lead after the first round.

An even more significant record was within his reach, and he

didn't even know it.

Spieth ran off six birdies in a seven-hole stretch to reach 8 under through 14 holes, and the last of those birdies summed up a day when hardly anything went wrong. He hit a 7-iron out of the

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NBA

Warriors race past Trailblazers

Steph Curry breaks own 3-point record

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry eclipsed his own NBA record for most 3-pointers in a season, scoring 45 points to rally the Golden State Warriors to a 116-105 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Thursday night.

Curry entered the game four shy of his mark of 272 3-pointers, which he set two years ago in the season finale at Portland. He hit six before half-time and eight overall, teaming with fellow Splash Brothers star Klay Thompson to bring the Warriors back from 13 points down.

Curry added 10 assists, and

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