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Valbuena no bueno for Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — Luis Valbuena hit a pair of solo home runs, including a go-ahead eighth-inning shot, to give the Houston Astros a 7-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners Monday night.



Valbuena, who started the scoring with a blast in the first inning, opened the eighth with a homer to right on 1-1 pitch from Danny Farquhar (0-1). It was his fifth this season.

It was the first home run allowed by a Mariners reliever this season. Jed Lowrie added an RBI single in the inning.

Colby Rasmus also had his second home run on a 2-0 pitch from starter Hisashi Iwakuma in the fifth.

Tony Sipp (1-0), who worked the seventh and eighth, picked up the victory.

Eagles sign Tebow to 1-year contract

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — By the time the Philadelphia Eagles announced late Monday afternoon that Tebow signed a one-year contract, the city was buzzing about Chip Kelly's latest move.

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Tebow

Tebo dominated newspaper headlines, social media conversation and sports talk radio. A pretzel factory even made

"Tebowing" shaped pretzels.

Tebow gets his first shot in the NFL since the New England Patriots cut him before the 2013 season. The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner hasn't played since 2012 with the New York Jets. He worked as a television analyst last year with the SEC Network and ESPN.

The Eagles already have four other quarterbacks on their roster: Sam Bradford, Mark Sanchez, Matt Barkley and G.J. Kinne. Tebow is expected to compete for the No. 3 spot in an offense that's suited to his strengths.

"I think a lot of the guys didn't understand how physical it would be. You can tell guys it would be physical and a playoff atmosphere, but you don't really understand it until you get in it."

— **LaMarcus Aldridge** Trail Blazers forward after 100-86 loss in Game 1 of the NBA playoffs. For more on the game, see Page 2B.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1975 — Bill Rodgers breaks the Boston Marathon record with a time of 2:09:55.

1996 — The Chicago Bulls wrap up the most successful regular season in NBA history with their 72nd victory, getting 26 points from Michael Jordan in a 103-93 decision over Washington. Jordan sets an NBA record by winning his eighth NBA scoring title, breaking Wilt Chamberlain

2001 — Hasim Rahman flattens Lennox Lewis with a right hand near the end of the fifth round in Brakpan, South Africa, to capture the WBC and IBF heavyweight titles in one of boxing's biggest upsets.

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Prep Golf

Dawgs, Bucks place at Tetherow

East Oregonian

BEND — The Hermiston and Pendleton boys golf teams both had plenty to be happy about after their most challenging round of the season on Monday at the Tetherow High Desert Challenge.

Against a contestant field expected to mimic the competition seen at the state championships, Hermiston finished in the top five in team scoring while Pendleton brought back an individual medalist.

Reilly Hegarty shot a three-over

par 75 to lead the Buckaroos and placed third behind Bend's Ryan DeCastilhos (70) and Summit's Jack Loberg (73). He was shooting even par until bogeys on holes 14-16.

Hermiston didn't have anybody finish higher than 17th, but came in tightly grouped with a team score of 325 that was good for fourth. Summit won the team title with a 305, followed by Bend (311) and Cascade Christian (317). Pendleton was sixth with a 339.

Paden LaCoursiere and Zac Adams each carded 80 to lead Hermis-

ton in a tie for 17th. Keegan Crafton shot an 81 that tied him for 21st.

No local player shot higher than 93, but two of those came from Buckaroos that had finished second and third at their last tournament.

"It was pretty tough," Nelson said of Tetherow Golf Club and its Scottish links styling. "It's kind of humbling, really, if you've never been."

Both Pendleton and Hermiston will be back in central Oregon on Friday for the Crook County Invite at Meadow Lakes Golf Course in Prineville.

Tetherow High Desert Challenge

at Tetherow Golf Club, Bend
Team Scores — 1, Summit 305; 2, Bend 311; 3, Cascade Christian 317; 4, Hermiston 325; 5, Central Catholic 328; 6, Pendleton 339; 7, Clackamas 342; 8, St. Mary's 345; 9, North Medford 352; 10, Roseburg 363; 11, David Douglas 370; 12, The Dalles 372; 13, Liberty 388; t14, Crater 408; t14, North Valley 408.

Individual leaders

1, Ryan DeCastilhos, Bend	70
2, Jack Loberg, Summit	73
3, Reilly Hegarty, Pendleton	75
4, Josh Wu, St. Mary's	76
5, Four tied with	77

Hermiston scores — Paden LaCoursiere 80; Zac Adams 80; Keegan Crafton 81; Anders Lind 84; Jared Thacker 93.

Pendleton scores — Reilly Hegarty 75; Nathan Som 83; Dillon George 88; Brayden Pulver 93; Jared Geier 93.

PENDLETON



Pendleton senior Keziah Hampton returns a volley at the net as senior Keren Hampton plays the backcourt against Hermiston's Briana Wolfe and Chyeann Peterson on Monday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Bucks edge Dawgs in first battle

Pendleton wins first meeting at the nets

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Not much was determined when the War on 84 held its first battle of the girls tennis season, with Pendleton hosting rival Hermiston on Monday at West Hills Intermediate School.

While the Buckaroos earned the 5-3 victory, both coaches said it could have gone either way and about the only thing certain after watching four matches head to tie-breaking third sets was how close their two squads were competitively.

"We kind of expected that," said Pendleton coach Rocky Dillenburg

of the back-and-forth match. "It looks like we're starting to hit our stride but it's tough to say really, all the matches were so close. All of the matches could have been won by Hermiston, and who knows how it's going to go when we go over (to Hermiston)?"

"Every match was well played," said first-year Hermiston coach Jason Sivey, who also had the teams'

next meeting on the mind. "It makes me wonder a lot about what we're going to do for Pendleton the next time.

"We'll definitely be making some little changes, but looking at how close the scores were, those could end up being big changes."

Pendleton swept the top two sin-

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Prep Softball

Grass leads Buckaroo bash against Eagles

Pendleton sweeps Hood River to open CRC

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

During her record-setting junior season, Pendleton's Tiah Grass averaged a home run every 2.5 games.

The senior slugger put herself back on that pace with three home runs in Saturday's Columbia River Conference sweep of Hood River Valley.

Grass went yard once in Pendleton's 9-0 win that opened CRC play for both teams, then added a pair of moonshots in a 15-2 five-in-

Softball	
Pendleton	Hood River
9, 15	0, 2

ning rout.

Grass drove in seven runs on a 4-for-7 afternoon, and said she'd been working hard to snap out of a homer drought that had stretched to six games.

"Today I felt really good up at the plate because I've been spending a lot of time working on my swing. I was tired of popping up all the time," she said after hitting her 4th, 5th and 6th knocks

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Pendleton's Payton Herger (3) successfully slides into second Saturday at Steve Cary Field as Jessica DeHart of Hood River throws the ball to a teammate.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Lelesia Desisa, of Ethiopia, crosses the finish line to win the men's division of the Boston Marathon, Monday.

AP Photo/Elise Amendola

Two years after bombings, festive Boston Marathon mood

By PHILIP MARCELO
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Associated Press

BOSTON — The weather was cold and damp but the atmosphere festive at Monday's running of the Boston Marathon, two years after pressure-cooker bombs exploded at the finish line and shattered one of sports' most cherished events.

All along the 26.2-mile course, spectators banged cowbells and blew air horns as they braved unseasonably chilly weather and light rain in thick layers and ponchos.

Near the Boylston Street finish line, crowds at times four to five people deep roared each time an athlete approached, shouting words of encouragement.

"It's so great to see everyone cheering and being happy," said Jennifer Sunkin, a New York native watching her third marathon from the comfort of a balcony overlooking the race's final stretch. "Life goes on. It's so inspiring to see and to realize how strong we are."

Throughout the course, though, were re-

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