

PENDLETON

Spokane shuts down BMCC

East Oregonian

SPOKANE — The Blue Mountain softball team took a doubleheader sweep, falling 3-0, 6-1 in two league games to East Region leading Spokane.

Haley Kline threw six innings and struck out six for BMCC, but did allow three runs in the opener. Kline didn’t receive any run support, as the team finished with just three hits.

Sixteen T-Wolves (12-22,

SOFTBALL	
	
Spokane	Blue Mtn
3-6	0-1

9-11) batters were sent down by strikes by Spokane (33-4, 19-1) hurler Lindsie Scholwinski in game one. All nine Timberwolves were strike out victims.

The T-Wolves received their lone run in the second inning

when a Courtney Carter walk lated Savanna Zarate to give them a 1-0 lead. The Sasquatch responded by scoring the game’s final six runs.

SPOKANE 3, BLUE MOUNTAIN 0	
Game one	R H E
BMCC	000000 0 - 0 3 1
CCS	002010 x - 3 7 0
H. Kline and R. Spencer. L. Scholwinski and A. Shuster. W — Scholwinski. L — Kline.	
2B — S. Zink (CCS). HR — B. Fisher (CCS)	

SPOKANE 6, BLUE MOUNTAIN 1	
Game two	R H E
BMCC	010000 0 - 1 3 4
CCS	012300 x - 6 7 2
M. Rust, L. Holthaus and R. Spencer. H. Van and A. Shuster. W — Van. L — Rust.	

PGA

Swafford, Weekley lead Zurich

By BRETT MARTEL
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AVONDALE, La. — Hudson Swafford didn’t want to dwell on the pressure of the high-stakes weekend that awaits him.

Tied for the Zurich Classic lead after a 6-under 66 on Friday in the suspended second round, the 2011 Georgia graduate was eager to meet some college friends from New Orleans and take advantage of being in Louisiana during crawfish season.

“I’m probably going to eat some mud bugs with my wife, some crawfish downtown, just walk around,” said easygoing Southerner,

winless on the PGA Tour. “Got to see the sights here and take in the good food.”

Boo Weekley also was tied for the lead at 11 under when play was suspended ay at TPC Louisiana because of the threat of severe thunderstorms. Weekley, tied for first-round lead after a 64, had three holes left.

Jason Day, ranked sixth in the world, was 5 under for the round through 14 holes, pulling him into a five-way tie for third at 10 under with Brandon de Jonge, Cameron Tringale, former Zurich champion Jerry Kelly and Daniel Berger. Tringale had a 65, and de Jonge shot 70. Kelley was on the 18th green

when play was stopped, and Berger had three holes left.

Second-round play was scheduled to resume Saturday at 8 a.m. CDT.

De Jonge, from Zimbabwe, was the co-leader after the first round and might have remained atop the leaderboard had he not narrowly missed several putts. But he was briefly tied for the lead again late in his morning round when he hit his tee shot within a few feet of the pin on the par-3 17th and made his birdie putt. He narrowly missed another birdie putt on 18.

“I gave myself a lot of chances,” de Jonge said. “I just didn’t make any putts.”

RODEO:

Performances continue through Sunday afternoon

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Pederson, a junior at Hermiston High, and one of the state’s top all-around cowboys. “This was my third rodeo steer wrestling, I’ve practiced it a handful of times, so I think I did pretty good tonight.

“That was a good run for how far down the arena it was, but if it would’ve been closer, I could’ve been faster.”

Pederson might’ve felt more at home on the back of his horse Royal and with a lasso in hand. Pederson turned in the performance’s third fastest time in the team

roping, pairing with Riley Sappington to rope the head and heel in 24.83 seconds.

He will compete in his top discipline — calf roping — Saturday afternoon to round out the first leg of the weekend’s doubleheader.

The Intermountain High School rodeo team’s contingent of girls fared less lucky than their male counterparts Friday night. Neither Marlene Bodmer, Hailey Basford or Lindsey Taylor were able to turn in times in two roping go’s.

Bodmer was the only of the three to do so in the breakaway roping, but a

broken barrier dropped her to fifth place.

Basford was fourth in the goat tying with a time of 11.27, while Taylor was sixth at 11.42.

Quincie Freeman took a round one edge in the breakaway with a sizzling 2.65 second time. Samantha Kerns leads the goat tying at 9.66.

Action at the rodeo grounds continues with slack Saturday at 9 a.m. and a second performance at 1 p.m. Rodeo No. 2 begins with a Saturday performance slated for 6 p.m. and a noon Sunday second performance.

PREPS:

Pendleton’s Pulver shoots 68 for win; Holman throws no-no for Rockets

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after Hermiston dominated about every aspect of Friday’s contest.

Hermiston took 47 shots to Burns’ 12. The Bulldogs claimed 43 ground balls to Burns’ 22. Hermiston had more penalty time and Nadzitsaga’s goalie Taylor Klus had more saves with six than opponent George Westfall’s three, but Hermiston largely controlled possession, too.

The win has Hermiston sitting at least a half game ahead of Mountain View for fourth place in the High Desert Division.

Hermiston takes on Central Valley, Washington, in a non-league game at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Elementary.

Golf

PRINEVILLE — Coming off one of his highest scores in recent memory, Pendleton’s Brayden Pulver found rapid redemption by shooting four under par to win the Crook County Invite on Friday at Meadow Lakes Golf Course.

Pulver carded four birdies and an eagle to finish with a 68, shooting two under on the front and back.

His eagle came on the 457-yard par-5 12th, which gave several players trouble with three bunkers around the green. Only six other players made birdie on the hole, while nearly 30 shot above par.

Pulver also was one of only two players to birdie No. 6, a 306-yard par-4 whose green is protected by two bunkers on the left and water on the right.

He only had two bogeys, on par-4 No. 7 and 18.

Bend’s Max McGee was second with a 73, and Pendleton’s Reilly Hegarty was tied for third with a 74.

Hegarty’s round began with three bogeys on his first four holes, but he shot par or better from there.

Hermiston’s Zac Adams was fifth with a 75 that included two birdies.

Bend won the team title with a 306, and Pendleton shot a 313 for second. Hermiston was fifth with 333.

CC Invite	
At Meadow Lakes GC, Prineville	
Team scores — 1, Bend 306; 2, Pendleton 313; 3, Seaside 320; 4, Mountain View 329; 5, Hermiston 333; 6, Ridgeview 352; 7, Crook County 356; 8, Molalla 428; 9, Redmond 435.	
Individual medalists	
1, Brayden Pulver (Pendleton) 34-24—68	
2, Max McGee (Bend) 39-34—73	
13, Reilly Hegarty (Pendleton) 38-36—74	
13, Sam Hinton (Seaside) 37-37—74	
5, Zac Adams (Hermiston) 39-36—75	
Pendleton scores — Reilly Hegarty 38-36; 74; Brayden Pulver 34-34—68; Nathan Som 40-43—83; Dillon George 42-46—88; Jared Geier 44-46—90.	
Hermiston scores — Zac Adams 39-36—75; Keegan Crafton 44-43—87; Anders Lind 46-41—87; Jared Thacker 41-43—84; J.D. Thacker 41-46—87.	

Softball

PILOT ROCK 13-10, CULVER 3-0 — At Culver, Rebekka Holman threw the second no-hitter of her Rockets career on Friday and Pilot Rock battered Culver for a Special District 6 softball sweep.

The Rockets scored 10 runs over the final three innings to beat the Bulldogs 13-3 in six innings to start things off.

Then Holman put up all zeros as the Rockets poured it on early in a 10-0 five-inning win.

It was the third shutout of the season for the junior hurler, who also threw a no-hitter last year. She struck out six and walked one.

Madison Dave had two doubles in the no-hitter, Bekah Roe hit her second double of the day, and Rhyanne Oates hit a triple as the Rockets (15-2, 4-2 SD6) scored all 10 of their runs in the first three innings.

Tehya Ostrom pitched the opener, allowing just three hits to help her slow-starting offense.

Culver (4-13, 1-7) held its only lead when two Pilot Rock errors scored a pair of runs in the first inning.

The Rockets will host Irrigon for their next games, a double dip on Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m.

PILOT ROCK 13 CULVER 3 (6 innings)	
	R H E
PRHS	003505 - 13 13 2
CHS	201000 - 3 3 3
Tehya Ostrom and Rhyanne Oates. Josi Harrison and Tristan Barry. W — Ostrom. L — Harrison.	
2B — Bekah Roe (Pilot Rock).	

PILOT ROCK 10, CULVER 0 (5 innings)	
	R H E
CHS	000 00 - 0 0 4
PRHS	613 0X - 10 10 1
Cheryl Aldred and Alesha Freeman. Rebekka Holman and Rhyanne Oates. W — Holman. L — Oates.	
2B — Madison Dave 2, Bekah Roe (Pilot Rock). 3B — Oates (Pilot Rock).	

VALE 9-13, ECHO 4-0 — At Vale, the Cougars took a major step back on Friday against the defending state runner-up Vikings.

Entering with identical league records, Vale (9-7, 6-2 EOL) wasted little time asserting its dominance. Kelsey Hawley powered through the Cougar (8-8, 4-4 EOL) lineup in the circle, allowing one earned run in 12 innings of work. The junior right-handed pitcher’s talents were on full display during a game two five-inning no-hitter of the Cougars.

The second game Echo struggles surpassed the plate. Pitcher MacKenzie Gonzales allowed 13 runs to cross, but was not aided by her defense, which committed 10 errors. The fielding mistakes were not isolated to the second game, the Cougars also made six errors in the first game.

Echo will try to regain its winning ways in a home non-league contest versus Weston-McEwen on Thursday and in a league double dip against Nyssa on



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez, left, smiles as he looks across at Minnesota Twins’ Torii Hunter as Hunter leaves the field after flying out during the fourth inning of a baseball game Friday, April 24, 2015, in Seattle.

Hernandez dominant, Cruz goes deep as M’s beat Twins

By TIM BOOTH
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SEATTLE — There was an extra twinge of disappointment for Felix Hernandez as he was Trevor Plouffe’s line drive fall into the grass of right field for a base hit.

With how well he was pitching, Seattle’s ace knew there was the chance at something special Friday night.

“I had the stuff to throw a perfect game,” Hernandez said. “But it didn’t happen.”

Hernandez settled for a five-hitter and his first complete game victory since August 2012, as the Mariners beat the Minnesota Twins 2-0.

Nelson Cruz gave Hernandez all the offense he needed with a major-league-leading ninth home run. Cruz’s shot off Minnesota starter Phil Hughes (0-4) traveled 459 feet, according to date from Major League Baseball, into the second deck above the bullpens in left field.

But while Cruz provided a jolt, it was Hernandez that was dominant. He retired the first 14 batters before Plouffe’s single with two outs in the fifth. He struck

out nine, threw 102 pitches and got out of jams in the sixth and seventh innings.

It was Hernandez’s first complete game win since beating Minnesota on Aug. 27, 2012, when he also allowed five hits. Hernandez is now 3-0 for the second straight season and the third time in his career.

“It’s been a while so it feels really good,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez was outstanding from the start, with a breaking ball that had more snap than any other time this season and a fastball he was able to spot around the strike zone.

Hernandez needed just 38 pitches to cruise through the first 12 batters, half striking out. He struck out Brian Dozier to start the fifth and got Kennys Vargas to ground out before Plouffe got the Twins’ first hit on a 1-1 pitch.

An inning later, Hernandez found himself in a major jam. Kurt Suzuki reached on an infield single deep in the hole at short and advanced to second when Brad Miller’s throw went out of play. Jordan Schafer — robbed of a hit in the third on a great defensive

play by Robinson Cano and Morrison — reached on an infield single, putting runners at the corners with no outs.

Danny Santana hit a fly ball to center field but wasn’t deep enough for Suzuki to tag and score. Torii Hunter struck out and Joe Mauer grounded out to first to end the threat.

Minnesota put runners at the corners with two outs in the seventh, but Hernandez got a fly out from Suzuki to end the inning.

“Just a great job of commanding the zone, commanding the tempo, keeping guys off balance just enough to make all of his stuff work,” Seattle manager Lloyd McClendon said.

Hernandez was at 91 pitches after the eighth and came back for the ninth to a standing ovation. He got Mauer to ground out, Dozier to fly out and Vargas on a comebacker to close out the victory.

“He can throw any pitch in any count wherever he wants and they are all plus pitches,” Schafer said. “Thank God every guy you face isn’t like that.”

Logan Morrison added his first home run of the season — his first extra-base hit and first RBI of the season as well — with a solo shot to right-center field leading off the fifth.

Friday.

VALE 9, ECHO 4	
Game one	R H E
ECHO	022000 0 - 4 6 6
VALE	020403 x - 9 10 2
A. Ray and E. Parks. K. Hawley and Z. Mulvaney. W — K. Hawley. L — A. Ray. 2B — Z. Mulvaney (VALE) .	

VALE 13, ECHO 0 (5 innings)	
Game two	R H E
ECHO	000 00 - 0 0 10
VALE	162 4x - 13 7 1
M. Gonzalez, A. Ray (4) and E. Parks. K. Hawley and Z. Mulvaney. W — K. Hawley. L — M. Gonzales. 2B — C. Perry (VALE).	

RIVERSIDE 13-10, ENTERPRISE 12-6 — At Boardman, the Pirates came from behind for a pair of victories over league-leading Enterprise (7-5, 5-3 EOL) on Friday.

Riverside (6-10, 3-5) scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to win Game 1 13-12, then plated four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to win 10-6 on a Tyler Barker walk-off double in the night cap.

Skylar Wightman pitched complete games for both wins, and hit a three-run home run in Game 1, then added a double and a triple in Game 2.

Sadie Hasbell also hit two doubles in the victories.

With four wins in their last five games, first-year coach Shayne Arndt said he thinks the Pirates can make a playoff push over the last three weeks of the regular season.

“I feel like we’re really coming together as the season goes along and I think we’ll be able to carry some of this momentum with us into our next games,” he said.

The losses dropped Enterprise into second place behind Vale.

The Pirates host Waitsburg-Prescott (WA) for a non-league game on Tuesday at 4 p.m., then play at Umatilla in league double-header on Friday starting at 1 p.m.

Baseball

STANFIELD 5-6, VALE 11-4 — At Vale, the Stanfield Tigers and Vale Vikings split their Eastern Oregon League doubleheader on Friday.

Vale (12-6, 6-2 EOL) followed the hitting of senior Josh Schoorl to an 11-5 win in the opener. Schoorl led the bottom of the first inning off with a double and went 3 for 4 with two RBIs and three runs for the game. Vale scored four runs in the first inning to erase the lead Stanfield (10-5, 5-1) had taken on a three-run Dylan Grogan home run in the top of the frame.

Vale added seven runs over the next two innings, and Stanfield never came any closer than the final margin.

The Tigers never trailed in Game 2, though, and took advantage of Vale’s six errors while getting RBIs from Ryan Bailey (3 for 4) and Klay Jensen.

Jensen also pitched the entire game and got the final out on a looking strikeout with two runners on. He finished with nine strikeouts and four walks, and allowed four earned runs on five hits.

Hunter Barnes pitched 3 1-3 innings of relief in Game 1 for Stanfield. He allowed no runs off one hit and one walk while striking out three after he entered in the third inning.

Stanfield’s next game is at Dufur on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

VALE 11, STANFIELD 5	
Game 1	R H E
SHS	300 110 0 - 5 7 2
VHS	443000 x - 11 7 0
Dylan Grogan, Hunter Barnes (3) and Tyler Monkus. Rodriguez, Romans (5) and Schoorl. W — Rodriguez. L — Grogan. 2B — Schoorl, Romans, Weber (Vale). 3B — Schoorl, Haselbach (Vale). HR — Grogan (Stanfield).	
STANFIELD 6, VALE 4	
Game 2	R H E
SHS	200003 1 - 6 7 1
VHS	000202 0 - 4 5 6
Klay Jensen and Dylan Grogan. Weber	

and Rodriguez. W — Jensen. L — Weber. 2B — Fortin 2 (Vale). 3B — Weber (Vale).

MAC-HI 17, RIVER-SIDE 1 — At Milton-Free-water, the Pioneers made quick work of the Pirates, dispatching of their non-league foe after five innings on Thursday.

Mac-Hi (4-8) plated eight runners in the first and then nine in the fourth to take a commanding lead. Sterling Sandberg and Joey Barnhart each drove in three runs to lead the way.

Pitchers Jesus Vela, Jacob Chaney and Sandberg combined to throw five innings of one-hit baseball.

MAC-HI 17, RIVERSIDE 1	
Game two	R H E
RIV	000 01 - 1 1 3
MAC	800 9x - 17 10 2
M. Calvillo, A. Rodelo (4) and S. Bither. J. Vela, J. Chaney (3), S. Sandberg (5) and K. Smith. W — J. Vela. L — M. Calvillo. 2B — K. Banek (MAC). 3B — K. Smith (MAC). J. Barnhardt (MAC).	

Tennis

PENDLETON 4, LA GRANDE 0 — At La Grande, the Buckaroos cruised to an abbreviated non-league win on Friday against a shorthanded La Grande squad.

The only match that didn’t end in straight sets was the comeback win of Christina Thompson and Kiana Sperl in No. 1 doubles. They rebounded from a 7-5 loss in the first set to win the second 6-2, then edged out the tiebreaker 11-9.

Pendleton will continue non-league play next week with a road match at Southridge (WA) before heading to the Bend Tournament on the weekend.

PENDLETON 4, LA GRANDE 1	
Singles	
Matilde Cittadini (P) def. Alessia Marzocchi 6-3, 6-4	
Doubles	
Christina Thompson/Kiana Sperl (P) def. Jerika Christman/Jayden Christman 5-7, 6-2 (11-9)	
Sam Bixler/Jenna Senter (P) def. Clara Gandy/Jenny Schiller 6-2, 6-1	
Anna James/Abby Williams (P) def. Hannah Roberts/Isabel Eidhamar 6-1, 6-0	