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Orioles to play in closed stadium

BALTIMORE (AP) — After a pair of postponements caused by rioting in Baltimore, the Orioles and Chicago White Sox will play Wednesday at Camden Yards in what is believed to be the first game without fans in major league baseball's 145-season history.

Because of the unsettled environment in Baltimore, where rioters burned a drug store and set police cars ablaze on Monday night, officials moved the game up five hours from its original 7:05 p.m. starting time and closed it to the public.

In addition, Baltimore's Friday-to-Sunday series against Tampa Bay was shifted from Camden Yards to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, with the Orioles remaining the home team and batting last.

"All of the decisions in Baltimore were driven first by the desire to insure the safety of fans, players, umpires and stadium workers," Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said in an email to The Associated Press. "Only after we were comfortable that those concerns had been addressed did we consider competitive issues and the integrity of the schedule."

Former UO Duck suspended by NFL for one year

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Dion Jordan's 2015 season is over before it started, and his tumultuous time with the Miami Dolphins may be finished as well.

The Dolphins and the NFL announced Tuesday that Jordan has been

FACES suspended for the 2015 season for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse.

The defensive end was not at any of the team's voluntary workouts last week, raising plenty of eyebrows about his status and his future with the Dolphins.

The news came two days before the start of the NFL draft, and will likely have at least some effect on the Dolphins' strategy. Miami has the No. 14 selection in the first round.

Jordan would have earned about \$5.6 million this season, a figure that includes a prorated portion of his \$13.3 million signing bonus and a \$585,000 base salary.

Jordan's arrival was much ballyhooed, and has been mostly booed ever since.

"If he wants to fight me, good for me. If he's running and moving around the ring, we're prepared for that too."

— **Manny Pacquiao** On Floyd Mayweather, his boxing opponent in Saturday's title bout.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1901 — His Eminence, ridden by Jimmy Winkfield, wins the Kentucky Derby by 1 1/2 lengths over Sannazarro in the only Derby raced in April.

1961 — ABC's "Wide World of Sports," debuts.

2013 — Jason Collins becomes the first male professional athlete in the four major American sports leagues to come out as gay. The 34-year-old free agent played for six NBA teams in 12 seasons.

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HERMISTON

Bulldogs unravel in extra innings

Hood River Valley scores 11 runs in 10th inning

By **ERIK SKOPIK**
East Oregonian

Hermiston and Hood River Valley couldn't separate from each other through seven innings.

Innings eight and nine didn't do the trick either.

But, when the league-leading Eagles finally got a few solid swings of the bat in the tenth, the back-and-forth dogfight turned savage.

Hood River brought 17 to the dish in the marathon inning, scoring 11, to take a bizarre 19-9 extra inning victory over Hermiston at Armand Larive on Tuesday.

"We battled, battled, battled and then we give up the bases loaded," Hermiston coach Lance Hawkins said. "Then, I think they just pulled off the bench and he came up friggin' threw the bat head and got a triple."

That player was rarely used Eagle reserve Riley Wilson. Filling in for ejected cleanup hitter Kellan Duffy, the senior

drove a ball to the left field wall to empty the loaded bases and finally break an 8-8 tie. It was Wilson's first varsity plate appearance.

Wilson's unlikely heroics just egged on the surging Eagle (13-6, 5-1 CRC) batters. Hood River scored eight

more runs to make the Bulldogs (8-9, 1-5 CRC) ensuing plate appearances all but obsolete.

The loss is the fourth in a row for Hermiston and places them two games behind The Dalles and Pendleton at the midway point of Columbia River Conference play. They host Pendleton on Friday for an important doubleheader.

"It's going to be almost a playoff game mentality," Hawkins said of Friday's games. "We've got to start winning some league games or else our season is gone."

The 10-inning game

lasted over three hours. A fact that hardly anyone could've predicted given the Bulldogs six run first inning. Hermiston brought six home on just three hits as Duffy, who started the game on the mound for HRV, struggled with his command and surrendered a large

lead. The Eagles rallied back in the third and fifth innings, however, scoring three in each frame to even the score at 6-6.

"We've had trouble scoring six in a game. We've had a trouble scoring six in a doubleheader," Hawkins said. "We're in a dog fight and I knew the six wasn't going to hold up. That's why we kept hitting and running. You just can't score six against a top 10 team and think they're going to stay there." Hood River took its first lead at 8-7 in the

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Hermiston pitcher Jay Lindeman bobbles an infield fly ball in the Bulldogs' 19-9 loss in extra innings to Hood River on Tuesday in Hermiston.

HERMISTON

Dawgs get first league win since 2013

By **SAM BARBEE**
EO Media Group

The Hood River Valley Eagles' wings were clipped Tuesday by a desperate Hermiston team 10-0 in five innings, behind another stellar home outing from Taylor Betz and top-to-bottom run production.

Betz pitched all five innings, allowing just two hits and striking

out five. Mikayla Kopacz went 1-for-3 with an RBI double in the first inning, giving Hermiston all the runs it would need. Ellery Jones also chipped in with a two-RBI single, and Ashley Moser scored the 10th run in the bottom of the fifth.

Hermiston head coach Kylee Lete was proud of the offensive and defensive effort in Hermiston's (7-12, 1-5) first league win in a season and a half.

"The girls came out with energy," she said. "That's the biggest thing we talked about (Monday) and we talked to them about (Tuesday). We tell them all the time, 'We got the talent,' and they just had it today. They had the look in their eye they weren't going to let anything go."

"I think it was very important for us because it was way overdue," Betz said of the win. "We knew that we could beat this team, and we knew what we had to do. We've been saying what we need to do, but nobody's been acting on it. (Tuesday), we just said, 'We need to get it done,' and we did."

The win ends a frustrating stretch for Hermiston, with leads blown and opportunities missed. Tuesday, neither happened, and most of it started with Betz in the circle.

It was actually Hood River who missed a major opportunity. In the top of the second, Betz plunked Jenni Packer to open the inning, and then Makena Zeller reached when the third strike found its way to the backstop, giving Packer time to reach third. On the first pitch to Kaylin Winans, Zeller swiped second, giving Hood River runners at second and third with no outs.

Then Betz bore down. She struck out Winans swinging, coaxed an easy pop foul to batter mate Jaime Hinkley, and then fanned Jessica DeHart to end the threat.

Hermiston had already led at that point 2-0 thanks to Kopacz's double and a sacrifice fly from Jones.

See LEAGUE WIN/2B

Softball

Hermiston
10
Hood River
0



Sam Barbee photo
Hermiston's Taylor Betz comes home with a delivery during the Bulldogs' 10-0 mercy-rule win over Hood River Valley Tuesday at Rocky Heights Elementary.

PENDLETON

Big inning sparks blowout

An eight-run third inning broke the game open for the Buckaroos Tuesday in The Dalles.

With Pendleton already leading 2-1, Darien Lindsay started the rally with a single. Payton Hergert followed with a single of her own. Then Alexis Morrison doubled to score a run. After a walk, an out and another hit, Lindsay hit a three run homerun to clear the bases. The eight runs scored in the bat-around inning would prove the difference in the game.

Morrison was a bear at the plate. She wasn't retired once, going 4-for-4 in the game with two singles and two doubles.

See PHS/2B

Softball

Pendleton
12
The Dalles
4

Prep Roundup

Buckaroo offense ignites

East Oregonian

THE DALLES — A 12-hit, 13-run offensive explosion guided Pendleton to a 13-1 road victory over the Dalles Tuesday.

The beleaguered Buckaroo (7-12, 3-3 CRC) bats got going from the get go. Pendleton plated three in the first, then added crooked innings in the third, fifth and sixth innings to end it prematurely.

Sophomore Caden Smith tossed his second consecutive gem, throwing a complete game three-hitter. Smith helped his cause at the plate, smacking his first home run of the season in the third inning to give Pendleton a 5-0 lead over The Dalles (9-10, 3-3 CRC).

Devon Roe unloaded the bases in the third inning with

See ROUNDUP/2B

Trail Blazers try to fight on in Game 5

The Associated Press

Game 5

Trail Blazers at Grizzlies, 6:30 p.m., TNT

The Grizzlies are not happy with themselves after not closing out Portland on Monday, blowing a 10-point lead with 8:38 left.

They aren't using the excuse of not having guard Mike Conley, who had surgery Monday to repair a facial fracture after taking an elbow to the face in Game 3. Backups Beno Udrih and Nick Calathes combined for 25 points and six assists filling in for Conley.

"We're not happy with ourselves," Udrih said. "We're better than that."

The Blazers avoided the sweep thanks in large part to Damian Lillard getting back on scoring track with 32 points, and Meyers Leonard adding 13 points and 13 rebounds.

"We wanted to make a statement to our fans — don't get swept," Leonard said. "Now (we) go on to Memphis, continue to fight and make this a series ... which I truly believe we will."



AP Photo/Don Ryan
Memphis forward Zach Randolph, left, looks to maneuver against Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge during Game 4 Monday in Portland.