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### Rose paces Bulls past Cavs in Game 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Derrick Rose scored 25 points and Pau Gasol added 21, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 99-92 victory over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday night.



Looking like the MVP he was before being slowed by knee injuries, Rose helped the Bulls swipe home-court advantage from the Cavs, who were missing starters Kevin Love and J.R. Smith.

Jimmy Butler added 20 points and banked in a contested jumper with 30 seconds left as the Bulls closed it out.

Kyrie Irving scored 30 points and LeBron James added 19 and 15 rebounds for Cleveland, playing its first game since Love — one of the Cavs' Big 3 — was lost for the remainder of the postseason with a shoulder injury.

Game 2 is Wednesday night.

The Cavs only trailed by four points in the final minutes, but they forced several 3-point attempts and James missed a tough layup with 51 seconds left.

### Counsell hired as new skipper for Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Former Milwaukee infielder Craig Counsell was hired Monday to manage the Brewers, about 12 hours after the team fired Ron Roenicke.

A major league-worst 7-18, the Brewers lost 40 of their final 56 games under Roenicke. The skid included a late-season collapse last

year, after they led the NL Central for nearly five months, and a 2-13 start this season.

Counsell, a 44-year-old Milwaukee-area native, spent the final five seasons of his 16-year big-league career with the Brewers, retiring after the 2011 season. He has no previous managing or coaching experience.

"It's an honor, and it's humbling, but I feel like this is what I was meant to do," Counsell said. "I think I'll be better at this than I was at playing."

Counsell was given a contract through the 2017 season.

**"At some point we will have some discussion. As a licensee of the commission you want to make sure fighters are giving you up-to-date information."**

— **Francisco Aguilar** Nevada Athletic Commission chairman on news that Manny Pacquiao fought Saturday's megabout with Floyd Mayweather with a severe shoulder injury. Pacquiao may face discipline for fighting while injured.

#### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1978 — Pete Rose of the Reds becomes the 14th player with 3,000 hits, singling in the fifth inning against Montreal's Steve Rogers at Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium.

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## HERMISTON

# Blue Mountain remains on top



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Clayton Hansen, of Blue Mountain Community College, competes in the steer wrestling event in Saturday's Northwest Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals in Hermiston.



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Callahan Crossley, of Blue Mountain Community College, competes in the barrel riding event during Saturday's Northwest Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals in Hermiston.

## T-Wolves sweep team titles for third straight year

East Oregonian

The Blue Mountain Community College's best and brightest cowboys and cowgirls found themselves in familiar position with Saturday's season wrapping rodeo at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo arena in Hermiston.

For the third consecutive season the Timberwolves men's and women's rodeo teams claimed Northwest Intercollegiate Rodeo titles. The men's team did so in record-breaking fashion, outscoring second place Walla Walla by over 5,000 points during the 10-regional rodeo season.

"I've been here for some 30 years and this is the best season we've had in accumulating points since I've been here," coach Larry Patterson said.

The success was found behind unmatched depth. The men's all-around leaderboard was led by six BMCC cowboys, namely Jared Parke, who repeated as top cowboy for the second consecutive season. Parke also reclaimed his steer roping title and won tie-down roping for the first time.

Jessica Lewis leapt from third place to first with two strong barrel racing go's over the weekend. The charge brought her over defending BMCC champ Callahan Crossley who was forced to settle for second on the season.

The margin was less for the women's team. Danyelle Jo Williams helped push them over the top to victory with an all-around season win.

The Hermiston fairgrounds played host to two separate rodeos over the weekend. The Fifth Northwest Regional on Friday and the NWIR final rodeo on Saturday. Blue Mountain swept three of four team titles.

The men's team came away victorious in each, while the women lost on Friday but rebounded on Saturday with a triumph.

Tyler Potter (bareback) and Parke (tie-down) were each individual discipline winners on Friday.

Saturday was all Timberwolves. The host school won eight of 10 events. Ryan Verling

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## MLB

# Cruz drives M's to win

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Nelson Cruz hit his major league-leading 14th home run and Felix Hernandez won his fifth straight decision to start the season, leading the Seattle Mariners over the Los Angeles Angels 3-2 Monday night.

Cruz celebrated his first AL Player of the Month Award with a leadoff shot against Matt Shoemaker that snapped a scoreless tie in the seventh.

Hernandez (5-0) allowed a run and six hits in seven innings while striking out eight and lowering his ERA to 1.73. The 2010 AL Cy Young Award winner became the first Seattle starter to win his first five decisions since 2001. That year, Aaron Sele started 8-0, Freddy Garcia 6-0 and Jamie Moyer 5-0.

Logan Morrison and Seth Smith also homered off Shoemaker (2-2), who was 3-0 with a 2.63 ERA in his four previous starts against the Mariners. The right-hander yielded four hits through 7 1-3 innings with 10 strikeouts.

Both teams entered this series



having been swept in their previous one — the Angels in three games at San Francisco and the Mariners in four games at Houston.

Two batters after Cruz connected on a 1-2 pitch, Morrison sent a shot deep into the right-field stands for his fourth of the season.

Matt Joyce, who came in batting .141 in his first season with the Angels, got one of the runs back in the bottom half with his first homer on Hernandez's 98th pitch.

Until then, Hernandez had not allowed a home run in 41 innings since Angels star Mike Trout took him deep in the first inning of his season debut April 6.

Smith restored Seattle's two-run lead in the eighth with a drive to right on Shoemaker's 90th and final pitch.



Seattle Mariners' Nelson Cruz, left, celebrates after hitting a solo home run against the Los Angeles Angels as Logan Morrison walks up to bat during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Monday, in Calif.

(AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

## HERMISTON

# Headings headed to D-III hoops program

## Hermiston guard signs with George Fox

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Heading into the 2014-15 basketball season, Tavin Headings wasn't sure what the future held for her. She hadn't played basketball in a year, choosing instead to swim in 2013-14. She had received some interest as a basketball player the year before, but had to take a break from the hardwood. Her head just wasn't in it anymore.

But after a successful basketball season that saw her selected to the first team All-CRC squad, first team All-Area squad and a second-place finish at the state tournament in March, Headings reopened the possibility to play at the next level and signed Monday to become the newest member of the George Fox Bruins women's basketball program in Newberg.

"They were the whole package," Headings said of George Fox. "I felt at home when I was there. The first time I went there, I was just

watching their basketball game and I met the coach and the team. I felt like I belonged. They were really nice and really welcoming. They didn't treat me like I was just a recruit."

The Bruins are members of the NCAA and sit in the Division III classification. Last season, the Bruin's posted a 32-1 record with the only loss coming in the Division III championship game to Thomas More 83-63.

Success isn't foreign to the Bruins. They've posted 22 straight winning seasons; they've been ranked each of the top 25 at least once in the past 11 seasons; they've qualified for the NCAA tournament 11 of the past 15 seasons; and they've qualified for the Final Four three of the past six seasons while advancing to the title game twice in that period (in 2009, when they won it and in 2015 when they took second).

But despite all the program success, Headings said it played just a small role in her decision. She said she didn't even know how well they finished this season until her decision had already been essentially made. It was just the cherry on top.

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