

Sports shorts

Cleared by police, LSU lineman signs with Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Former LSU offensive lineman La’el Collins paused to keep control of his emotions at a news conference to announce his signing with the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent.

Dallas owner and general manager Jerry Jones had an even harder time holding back tears while sitting next to a projected first-round pick who didn’t get selected because his name surfaced in the investigation of the shooting death of a pregnant woman he knew in his hometown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Police acknowledged days before the draft that they wanted to talk to Collins, a 2014 all-South-eastern Conference lineman, because he knew the victim, 29-year-old Brittney Mills. She was shot and killed at her home in late April.

Grandal powers Dodgers in rout

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Going into the sixth inning, Yasmani Grandal was having a rather nice game — a single, plus a pair of walks.

After that, he turned into a regular Babe Ruth.

Grandal drove in eight runs, hitting two homers and reaching base six times Thursday to power the Los Angeles Dodgers past the Milwaukee Brewers 14-4.

It was tied at 3 through five innings and Grandal had zero RBIs up to that point. He had totaled two home runs and just four RBIs this year before breaking loose at Miller Park.

Grandal’s two-run single capped a four-run sixth inning. He hit a three-run homer into the second deck in right field in the eighth and launched another three-run shot in the ninth.

“At this particular time, no, because he’s a sore loser and he’s a coward.”

— Floyd Mayweather

Professional boxer on whether he would welcome a rematch with Manny Pacquiao after winning boxing’s richest fight by decision last weekend. Pacquiao had surgery on his left shoulder following the fight but Mayweather said he believes the former champion was in top form when he faced him and is just looking for excuses for the loss.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1954 — World record holder William Parry O’Brien becomes the first man to throw the shot put more than 60 feet with a 60-5 toss at a meet in Los Angeles.
1984 — On the day the Olympic torch relay begins, the Soviet Union announces it will not take part in the 1984 Summer Olympics. The Soviet National Olympic Committee Union cites the “gross flouting” of Olympic ideals by U.S. authorities.

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MILTON-FREEWATER

Robert perfect for Pioneers

Senior pitcher tosses third perfect game of prep career

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

Colette Robert was about to jog onto the diamond for the start of Game 2 of Thursday’s league doubleheader against Baker when her mother Chris Robert stopped her to share some good news.

Also the team’s official score-keeper, the older Robert informed the reigning state Pitcher of the Year that her first outing of the afternoon had been perfect — 15 Bulldogs up, 15 Bulldogs down.

“I was like ‘Oh, really?’” the New Mexico softball signee said of facing the minimum in a 10-0 five-inning victory. “It’s just one pitch at a time for me.”

This is the modus operandi for the state’s top pitcher. She can’t track her last perfect game — she has three in high school — or recall her last no-hitter — she already has three of those this spring. Those sorts of accomplishments don’t enter the radar until the season is over.

“At the end of the year, my parents will show me my stats and I’ll be like, ‘Really? That happened? I don’t remember that at all,’” she said. “For me (keeping track) is sort of an egotistical thing. You’ve got to keep yourself grounded. So I don’t really think about it or keep track.”

For the record, she last tossed a

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SOFTBALL



Mac-Hi

10-12



Baker

0-2



Mac-Hi's Colette Robert winds up for a pitch Thursday against Baker City in Milton-Freewater. Robert threw a perfect game in the Pioneers' 10-0 five-inning win.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

HERMISTON

Butte Challenge on mark for 16th year

Annual race is top fundraiser for Hermiston cross country

By SAM BARBEE
EO Media Group

Area runners will raise money for the Hermiston High School Cross Country team when they compete in the 16th annual Butte Challenge this weekend at the Hermiston Butte.

First-year cross country coach Troy Blackburn, who ran in the Butte Challenge in its infancy, said he is impressed to see how the event has grown from its first fundraiser race more than a decade ago into the top fund-raising event for Hermiston’s

cross country team.

“It was smaller back then,” he said. “Now there’s a lot more people. It’s the same race. It must’ve done well because it’s the same race (and) everyone’s doing it (still).”

Blackburn said that in the past the cross country team has raised about \$3,500 from the fundraiser, which features participants running various distances on the Butte, and he’s shooting for \$3,500 to \$4,000 this year.

Each participant will have

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EO file photo

Runners from all across the region came to run in the 15th annual Butte Challenge in Hermiston last year. Funds raised from the event benefit the Hermiston cross country program.

Prep Roundup

Pendleton pair in good shape after first round

East Oregonian

REDMOND — Pendleton Sisters Shelby and Haley Greg find themselves in fourth and fifth place after Day One at the Special #2 District tournament at Eagle Ridge in Redmond.

While the pair sit in great shape to be among the top 10 individuals to advance to the state tournament, the team has more work to do. Pendleton currently sits in sixth place, 19 strokes off of the fourth place cut line currently held by both Crater and rival Hermiston.

Shelby Greg shot a 5-over 77 and Haley Greb shot a 6-over 78 but everyone is looking up at Crater’s Kiana Oshior who shot a first day best 70.

No Bulldog player recored a top 10 score, but their each of their top

four players sit in the top 21 places led by Madison Welch’s 86.

Summit has seemingly run away from the field and holds a 40-strok team lead over second place Bend.

Action will wrap up today at Eagle Ridge.

Special District #2
Eagle Crest Resort Ridge Course, Redmond
Par 72
Team scores: 1, Summit 319; 2, Bend 359; 3, Crater 376; 3, Hermiston 376; 5, Ridgeview 386; 6, Pendleton 395.
Individual scores: 1, Kiana Oshior (Crater) 70; 2, Madison Odione (Summit) 73; 3, Danielle Giles (Crater) 76; 4, Shelby Greb (Pendleton) 77; 5, Haley Greb (Pendleton) 78; 6, Alyssa Kerry (Summit) 79; 6, Iliana Telles (Hood River) 79; 8, Tiana Brown (Ridgeview) 82; 8, Sarah Heirly (Summit) 82, 10, Rachel Dragstin (Summit), Madison Welch (Hermiston) 86; Taurie Brock (Hermiston) 95; Lyndsee Anderson (Hermiston) 95; Saige Smith (Hermiston) 100; Whitney Bahns (Pendleton) 103; Britney Bahns (Pendleton) 137.

Baseball
WAITSBURG/PRESCOTT 5, WESTON-MCEWEN 3 (8 innings) — At Athena, Sutter Ball

allowed two Waitsburg/Prescott (WA) runners to cross home plate in the top of the eighth inning and the TigerScots couldn’t respond in the bottom, falling 5-3 in an extra inning non-league game Thursday.

The visitors from north of the border scored three in the fourth inning before Weston-McEwen (7-14) evened the count with runs from Vince Roff, Brendan Dearing and Brett Speed in the fifth and sixth.

Neither side could score in the seventh before W/P knocked in two one-run singles.

The defeat ended a four-game win streak for the TigerScots, who had finally found their stride after a slow start.

Weston-McEwen finished with five hits.

They return to Special District 6 play on Saturday with a road series

against Heppner.

WAITSBURG/PRESCOTT 5, WESTON-MCEWEN 3 (8 innings)						
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WM	000012	00	—	3	5	3
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2B — Larsen (WP); V. Roff (WM).						

DUFUR 8, RIVERSIDE 0 — At Dufur, Bailey Keever struck out 10 Pirates and Dufur beat Riverside on Tuesday in non-league play.

Trever Tibbets was 2 for 3 with a double and a three-run home run that capped the scoring in a six-run fourth inning for Dufur (21-2).

Riverside’s Wayne Killion also was 2 for 3, but the team had just four hits.

Riverside (4-16) remains in non-league action for its next game

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