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Houston staves off elimination

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden had 26 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, Dwight Howard added 20 points and 15 rebounds, and the Houston Rockets bounced back from two lopsided losses to avoid elimination with a 124-103 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday night in the Western Conference semifinals.



The Rockets hadn't lost three straight all season, and with their season on the line they ended their skid to send it back to Los Angeles for Game 6 on Thursday night.

Houston used a 36-point second quarter to take a commanding lead and withstood a third-quarter surge by Los Angeles to lead by 14 entering the fourth.

Blake Griffin had 30 points and 16 rebounds, and Chris Paul added 22 points and 10 assists for the Clippers.

LeBron leads Cavs to Game 5 win

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 38 points, Kyrie Irving added 25 and the Cleveland Cavaliers held on for a 106-101 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their

testy Eastern Conference semifinal.

Showing no ill effects from a sprained left ankle, James, who added 12 rebounds, six assists and didn't have a turnover in 41 minutes, ensured the Cavs will again play at home this season.

They can wrap up the best-of-seven series with a win in Game 6 on Thursday night back at United Center in Chicago, where the teams exchanged buzzer-beating victories last weekend.



James

"We can't deflate 'em. It's precautionary, I guess."

— **CC Sabathia**
New York Yankees pitcher joking about the increased security measures surrounding MLB game balls that were introduced this season. The league is hoping to avoid a scandal like the NFL's "Deflategate" in which New England Patriots QB Tom Brady was found to have conspired to alter game balls beyond the legal limits.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1952 — In an Appalachian League game, Ron Necciai of the Bristol Twins strikes out 27 batters while pitching a 7-0 no-hitter against the Welch Miners.

1976 — The New York Nets overcome a 22-point third-quarter deficit to beat the Denver Nuggets 112-106 and win the last ABA championship in six games.

2005 — Tiger Woods misses the cut at the Byron Nelson Championship to end his record of 142 consecutive cuts made over the last seven years on the PGA Tour. Needing a par on the 18th hole at Cottonwood Valley, Woods misses a 15-foot putt. He taps in for a bogey and a 2-over 72, leaving him at 1 over for the tournament.

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HERMISTON

Faaeteete approved by school board

Hermiston High fills head coaching positions for football, volleyball

By **SAM BARBEE**
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The Hermiston Bulldogs didn't

have to look far to fill their open head coaching positions.

David Faaeteete has spent the last seven seasons on Hermiston's sideline as an assistant football coach, and was one of four coaches to gain the school board's approval at Monday's meeting.

Faaeteete will take over the championship football program for Mark



Wadekamper who also retired this spring.

"I love the fact that they're passionate about sports, but I love the fact that they're passionate

Hodges, who retired two weeks ago due to chronic hip pain. The school board also approved the hire of Dorothy Smith to helm the high school volleyball program, replacing Becky

about kids more," Hermiston athletic director Blaine Ganvoa said. "For me, I love the fact that it shows that they're passionate about kids, passionate about sports and passionate about their community."

Faaeteete said the plan for him to follow Hodges has been in motion since their second year in Hermiston.

"I don't know if he saw some- See **COACHES/2B**

PENDLETON

Lankford grabs historic win



Nixyaawii's Riley Lankford watches his ball after teeing off on the eleventh hole Tuesday during the 2A district golf tournament at the Pendleton County Club.

Nixyaawii frosh becomes school's first district medalist

By **ERIK SKOPIL**
East Oregonian

It was on familiar terrain that Riley Lankford accomplished his greatest golf achievement to date.

The Nixyaawii freshman earned the school's first individual boys golf district championships Tuesday, picking up the Class 4A/3A/2A/1A Special District 3 title at his home course — the Pendleton Country Club.

"I live five miles from here, so every Friday I come here and golf — for the past four or five years or so," he said after shooting consecutive personal tournament round bests of 79 and 77 to win the title by two strokes

See **GOLF/2B**

Prep Roundup

Robert perfect once again

Mac-Hi star throws second perfect game in less than a week

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WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Colette Robert was once again perfect.

For the second time in three games the Mac-Hi ace faced the minimum, sending

down all 15 DeSales (WA) batters in sequence Tuesday on the Pioneers way to a 15-0 run-rule shortened non-league romp.

Robert threw a perfect game in Thursday's double-header opener against Baker. The hard throwing lefty was even more untouchable Tuesday. Only twice did DeSales batters require the Pioneer (21-1) defense to make a play, as Robert sent 13 of 15 outs down by punch-out. "She was just dealing

tonight," Mac-Hi coach Nicole Christian said.

Thresa Acox tried to lay down a bunt in the fourth inning, but the ball ended up in Robert's glove and then the McKayla Kelly's at first. Allesyn Lyons was the only Irish player to make solid contact, but the junior lined out to Shannon Carter at second base to open the fifth and Robert struck out the final two batters to conclude the mercy-rule win.

See **PREPS/2B**



Mac-Hi's Colette Robert throws from the pitching circle during a game early this season in Pendleton. Robert threw her second perfect game in three outings in a 15-0 win over DeSales (WA) in five innings.

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CRC Baseball

Cockburn goes distance for Pendleton

Pendleton	The Dalles
10	6

Pendleton, Hermiston win league games

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Hermiston	Hood River
5	3

THE DALLES — Quinn Cockburn pitched a complete game and Alex O'Rourke scored twice in his first full game back from injury as the Pendleton Buckaroos beat The Dalles 10-6 in Columbia River Conference baseball

on Tuesday.

Pendleton (10-14, 6-5 CRC) scored four runs in the top of the first inning and never trailed to take the season series with the Riverhawks 3-1.

O'Rourke made his first start, playing right field, since facial injuries sidelined him since the last week of March. The Oregon State University commit went 2 for 4, just his fifth and sixth hits of the season, and drove in

See **BASEBALL/2B**

CRC Softball

Buckaroos continue run of dominance

Pendleton routs The Dalles; Hermiston falls to HRV

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THE DALLES — The Pendleton Buckaroos continued to fire on all cylinders and rolled past The Dalles 12-2 in five innings on Tuesday for their 11th win in a row.

Pitcher Keirsten Murphy held The Dalles to three hits and Alexis Morrison

highlighted another huge day by the offense with her seventh home run of the season to lift the No. 1 Bucks (17-7, 11-0 CRC) in their penultimate Columbia River Conference contest.

Pendleton rattled off 16 hits against Riverhawks pitcher Maddy Bradford, and lead-off hitter Darian Lindsey was 4 for 4 on the day. Sammy Spreit was 2 for 2, Payton Hergert was 3 for 4, and Morrison and Mykal Weissenfluh were

See **SOFTBALL/2B**

Pendleton	The Dalles
12	2
Hood River	Hermiston
10	7

Prep Golf

Dawgs, Bucks headed to state

For fifth straight year both punch through district

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REDMOND — The Hermiston and Pendleton boys golf teams are state-bound.

The Bulldogs inched past the Buckaroos by a stroke for third place at the Class 5A Special District 2 tournament at Eagle Crest Ridge, but Pendleton's fourth place finish was enough to advance to next week's state tournament in Creswell.

See **STATE-BOUND/2B**