

# EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

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### IOC strips US relay team of medals

LONDON (AP) — The entire U.S. men's sprint relay team was stripped of its silver medal from the 2012 London Olympics on Wednesday as a result of Tyson Gay's doping case.



The International Olympic Committee notified the U.S. Olympic Committee by letter that the 4x100 relay team has been disqualified and all the medals withdrawn. The letter asks the USOC to collect the medals and return them to the IOC.

### Byrd sets Beavers javelin record

EUGENE — Oregon State's McKenzie Byrd set a school record in the javelin on May 8 to lead a small contingent of Beavers at the Oregon Twilight Meet at Hayward Field.

## FACES



Byrd

A freshman from Irrigon who graduated from Hermiston High School, Byrd took sixth in the event with a throw of 140 feet, 11 inches, a personal-best by more than a foot. It broke the old record of 140-5, set last year by Christina McDonald, by six inches; Byrd's former PR was 139-7.

### Crawford honored by Big Sky

PORTLAND — Junior pitcher Kristen Crawford was one of eight Portland State Vikings named to the Big Sky all-conference list.

Crawford, of Pendleton, was an honorable mention selection after leading all Vikings pitchers in wins (7), earned run average (4.48), innings pitched (104.2), complete games (8) and strikeouts (50).

Crawford earned Pitcher of the Week honors once this season for 2-0 weekend against North Dakota in April in which she allowed only one base runner in 11 innings pitched and finished with a 0.00 ERA.

"I have to say I was very lucky there was no big shunt. The accident was most impressive, but the good news is I am feeling very good."

### — Helio Castroneves

Team Penske driver in a press release issued after his car flipped during practice for the Indy 500 on Wednesday.

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

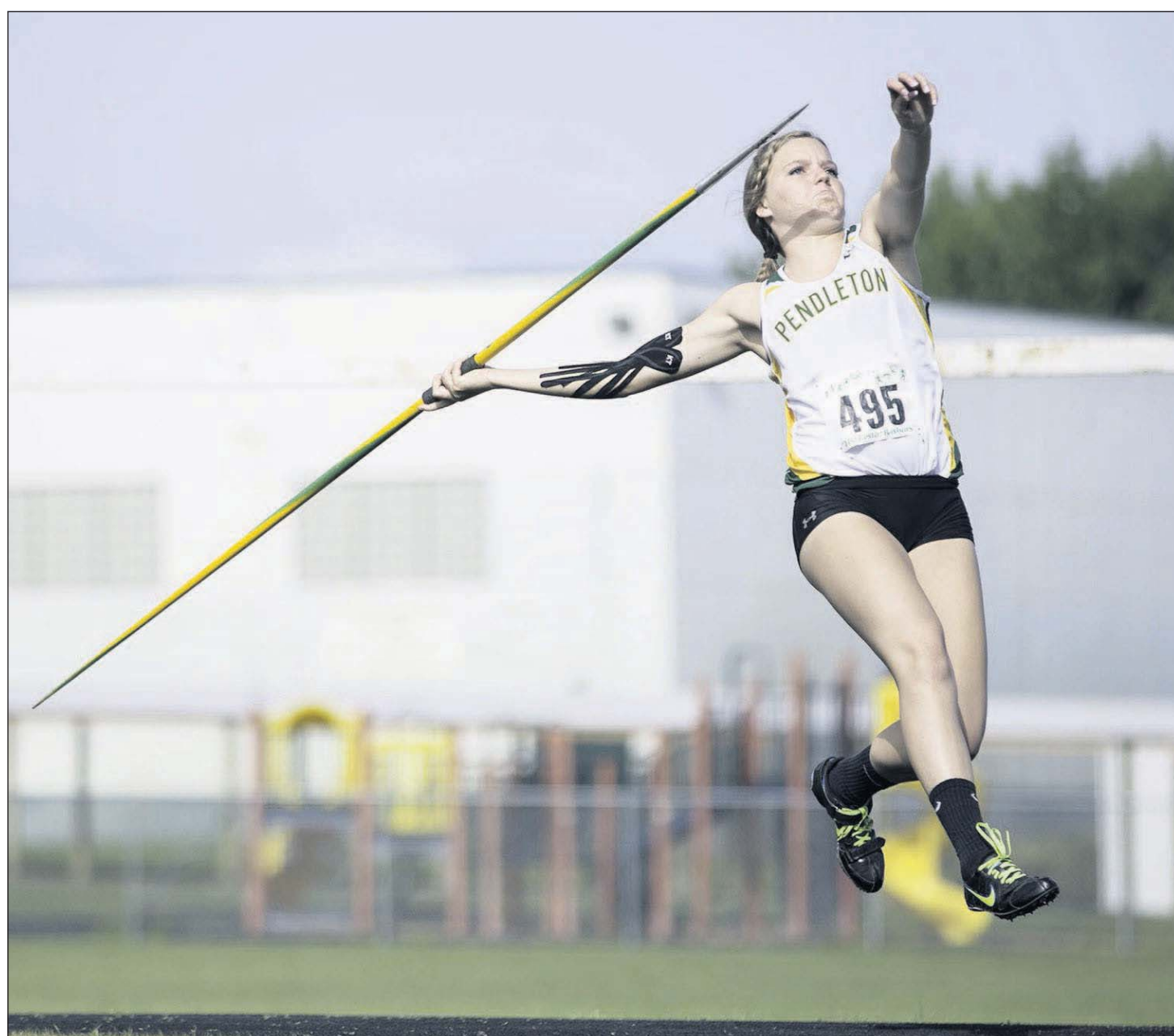
1913 — Washington's Walter Johnson gives up a run in the fourth inning against the St. Louis Browns to end his streak of 56 scoreless innings. The Senators win 10-5.

1967 — Mickey Mantle's 500th home run, off Stu Miller, lifts the New York Yankees to a 6-5 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

1999 — Annika Sorenstam shoots an 11-under 61, the best score in LPGA history on a par-72 course, to take a two-shot lead over Michelle McGann after the opening round of the Sara Lee Classic.

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## CRC Track



Hattie Thompson, of Pendleton, is headed to state after winning javelin at the Columbia River Conference district track and field championships in The Dalles on Wednesday.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

# Bucks, Dawgs punch state tickets

## Clem, Thompson win events on Day 1 of districts

By MIKE WEBER  
For the East Oregonian

THE DALLES — A contingent of Pendleton and Hermiston athletes earned prestigious Class 5A state qualifying spots on Day 1 of the Columbia River Conference Track & Field District Championship meet Wednesday at The Dalles High School.

Two Lady Bucks earned CRC District Championships including Delaney Clem (3,000 meters) and Hattie Thompson (javelin) to reach state. Hailey Kendrick (pole vault) Kiara Glover (high jump) and Kristin Williams (javelin) grabbed berths to the state meet May 22-23 in Eugene with second place finishes. Andrew Thomas did so as well on the boys squad in the discus.

"We're super excited about the great race Delaney had in the 3,000 and now we'll regroup mentally and get ready for Friday," said Pendleton co-coach Nicole Stewart.

Two Bulldog boys team members qualified for state, as junior Trey Neal took second place with a personal record in the



Trey Neal, of Hermiston, punched his ticket to state in the shot put after taking second at the Columbia River Conference district track and field championships Wednesday in The Dalles.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

discus throw of 148 feet and senior Tyler McCabe recorded a personal record of 21-foot, 4.5 inches in the long jump final to get second place.

"Tyler did a great job in the long jump, especially considering that he's been resting a lot recently while he's trying to overcome a back injury," said first-year coach Emilee Strot. "He came back today and had a strong effort to qualify

for state."

Clem won the 3,000 with a PR time of 10:41.11 and qualified for state a third straight year. Thompson won the javelin final with her throw of 111-09 and Williams was second at 109-04. Kendrick took second place in the pole vault at 8-foot-6 to advance to state.

"I'm so excited to win the 3,000 District title for the first time ever, which is really a thrilling

experience," said Clem. "I reached my goal of advancing to state and now I'm hoping to qualify for two events if I can have another strong effort on Friday in the 1,500. My other goal is to have a top-eight podium finish at the state meet."

"This was such a great experience today in winning the district title," said Thompson, a senior, who is a first time state track & field qualifier. "Doing it with my best friend Kristin makes it even better and it was nice to see her get second place. It's just an incredible feeling that both of us will be going to state now and it's even better since it's my first time ever. I've been on the track team for four years and this really fulfills my goal now, because it's just awesome to reach the state meet and I'm so very happy."

Neal in his first year of track, had a fabulous performance as he also took second place in the shot put with his toss of 49-1 to earn state berths in two throw events.

"I need to improve a little more in shot put, because I didn't have my best throws today," said Neal. "I'm kind of new in both events actually, but I'll work on trying to improve in both throws prior to the state meet. In other years, I just took it easy in the spring after playing football and basketball, but I'm excited about reaching the state meet in track."

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## NBA

# Horford lifts Hawks at buzzer

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Al Horford's offensive rebound with 1.9 seconds left after Dennis Schroder's drive to the basket was blocked by John Wall, gave top-seeded Atlanta an 82-81 victory over Washington on Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Paul Pierce, who made a buzzer-beating winner in Game 3, hit a 3-pointer from the corner to give the Wizards an 81-80 lead with 8.3 seconds left. Wall was playing for the first time since Game 1 after fracturing several bones in his left hand.

Horford led the Hawks with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Atlanta is one victory from advancing to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since moving from St. Louis in 1968. Game 6 is Friday night in Washington.



Atlanta Hawks center Al Horford reacts after hitting the game winning shot to beat the Washington Wizards 82-81 in their Eastern Conference Semifinals game 5 on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in Atlanta. At left is teammate Kyle Korver.

Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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## MILTON-FREEWATER

# Chester wins district crown

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UNION — Mac-Hi sophomore Riley Chester won the Special District 4 tournament on Tuesday at Buffalo Peak Golf Course in Union and will represent the Pioneers at the Class 4A state championships.

He was the only Pioneer to qualify for state, and did so with a two-round score of 78-88—166. La Grande senior Craig Wallace was second with a 84-84—168.

Baker won the team title and La Grande was second.

The state tournament will be held at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks on May 18-19.