

Sports shorts

Driver hospitalized after practice wreck

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — IndyCar driver James Hinchcliffe was in stable condition in the intensive care unit of a local hospital following surgery on his left leg for injuries sustained Monday in a crash at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

It was the fourth frightening wreck during practice for the Indianapolis 500 in the past six days.

A part seemed to break about 50 minutes into practice and the Canadian driver spun hard into the wall. As his car slid back down toward the apron, it briefly slid on its right side and almost flipped before coming came to rest upright.

Hinchcliffe's left thigh was pierced by the car's right front rocker and the piece of equipment needed to be removed, according to two people familiar with the crash.

Aldridge has surgery on thumb

PORTLAND (AP) — Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge had surgery Monday to repair a ligament in his left thumb.

The team said in a statement that Aldridge is expected to be able to return to basketball activity in about eight weeks.

Aldridge, a four-time All-Star, averaged 23.4 points and 10.2 rebounds during the regular season, playing with the injured thumb for part of that time. He averaged 21.8 points and 11.2 rebounds in the playoffs.

“It is outside the box, I will not deny that. My mom, whom I love deeply, asked me, ‘Are you crazy? Have you lost your mind?’”

— Dan Jennings
Miami Marlins general manager after adding head coach to his job title. Jennings has 31 years of experience in MLB front offices, but never played in the majors or managed a baseball team at any level. He is the first big league manager without playing or coaching experience since Ted Turner coached the Atlanta Braves for one game in 1977.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1910 — Cy Young, the career leader in major league victories, wins No. 500 as the Cleveland Indians defeat Washington 5-4 in 11 innings.
1973 — Secretariat, ridden by Ron Turcotte, rallies from last with a powerful move on the clubhouse turn to win the Preakness Stakes by 2 lengths over Sham. The original time is 1:55 for the 1 3/16-mile race, but Pimlico changes it to 1:54 2/5 two days later.
2008 — Boston's Jon Lester shuts down Kansas City 7-0 with a no-hitter. The 24-year-old lefty, who survived cancer to pitch the World Series clincher for the Red Sox last fall, allows two baserunners on walks.
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State Golf

Dawgs, Bucks paired up for battle

Hermiston boys lead Pendleton by two strokes

East Oregonian

CRESWELL — Although the team title is probably out of reach, the Hermiston and Pendleton boys

golfers will have plenty to play for on Day 2 of the Class 5A state championships at Emerald Valley Golf Club.

After edging their Umatilla County counterparts by one stroke in last year's final round, the Hermiston Bulldogs held a two-stroke edge on Pendleton when every card was turned in Monday.

Hermiston was 21 strokes behind leader Summit with a 330,

and Pendleton was right with them at 332.

Adding to the excitement will be the teams' pairings for Round 2, which will put the Dawgs and Bucks in a threesome with the next team up on the leaderboard — Woodburn at 327.

Playing with the No. 1's will be Pendleton junior Reilly Hegarty, Hermiston senior Paden LaCourse and Woodburn senior A.J.

Martinez.

Martinez had the best round on Monday with a 79, but Hegarty (80) and LaCourse (81) were nearly as good.

Hegarty actually had the most even round of the three with 11 pars, but three double bogeys (including a five on the par-3 17th) dropped him from top-5 contention to a tie for 12th.

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IRRIGON



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Irrigon's Alan Blackman slides in to home plate to score on Saturday in first game of the Knights' doubleheader sweep of Heppner in Irrigon.

Knights leapfrog Mustangs

Irrigon rallies for sweep on final day of regular season

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

Behind Austin Rice's late game heroics and a boatload of offense, Irrigon wrapped up a crucial two-game home sweep of Heppner Saturday.

The wins jumped the Knights

BASEBALL	
	
Irrigon	Heppner
12-13	2-12

over the Mustangs in the Special District 6 standings and into the second spot in their region setting up a opening round game in next week's district tournament versus Culver.

"Something they're learning how to do is win," Irrigon coach

Randy Henrichs said. "I don't think they knew how to, and they're learning how to do it now."

On Saturday that meant playing with the lead and just as importantly, playing in a massive hole.

Rice pounded the strike zone in the opener and the Knights cruised to a 12-2 six-inning victory.

The second game was a different matter for Irrigon (14-10, 6-6). Heppner (8-10, 5-7) took an early strangle-hold scoring the game's first eight runs. But, the Knights

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State Golf

Greb in hunt for Bucks

Pendleton sophomore fourth after one round

East Oregonian

CORVALLIS — Pendleton sophomore Haley Greb finished her first round at the Class 5A state golf championships in fourth place, but has her work cut for her after a run of bogeys on the back nine on Monday at Trysting Tree Golf Club.

Greb had three consecutive bogeys shortly after making the turn at even par, then ended her round by shooting a five on the longest par 4 on the course to finish four over par with a 76.

Leader Madison Odiorne, a senior from Summit, had seven birdies to just three bogeys in her first round and was four under par with a 68.

Unlike Summit with the team score, however, Odiorne won't be able to run away with the title with Crater junior Daniele Giles right on her heels.

Giles had five birdies and two bogeys on her card to finish two back at 70.

With three golfer in the top 10 and four in the top 20, Summit has built an insurmountable lead through 18 holes with a team score of 314.

The closest is Bend with 360, Wilsonville has 361 and Pendleton is fourth with 378.

Pendleton junior Shelby Greb also could earn a top

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Prep Softball

Defending champs primed for postseason after victories

Pendleton, Mac-Hi close regular season

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Lightning threatened Pendleton's postseason primer against Baker on Monday, but the Buckaroos were able to squeeze in a 9-3 victory in five innings before the game was called due to weather.

Coach Tim Cary said it turned out to be a great game to head into the playoffs on, and Baker hit the ball well while giving Pendleton no extra outs on defense.

The Bulldogs opened the game with a 2-0 lead after a pair of runs in the top of the first innings, but each time Baker scored the Bucks answered in their half of the inning.

Pendleton (19-7) strung together hits for a pair of runs in each the first and third, then gave themselves a cushion with three in the fourth.

Ellie Richards (3 for 4) and Payton Hergert (2 for 3) led the offense, and each had

doubles.

Kiersten Murphy and Lauren Richards combined in the circle with Murphy getting the start and the win after exiting with a 4-3 lead.

Pendleton, which won its second state title last season, won't play again until the first round of the 5A playoffs on Wednesday, May 27. Their opponent will be determined during the play-in round later this week.

PENDLETON 9, BAKER 3 (5 innings)									
BHS	201	00	—	R	H	E			
PHS	202	32	—	9	10	2			

Morgan Plumtree and Lakelyn Thomas.

Kiersten Murphy, Lauren Richards (4) and Mykal Weissenfluh. W — Murphy. L — Plumtree.

2B — L. Thomas (Baker); Ellie Richards, Payton Hergert, Tiah Grass (Pendleton).

MAC-HI 11, THE DALLES 0 (5 innings) — At Milton-Freewater, a fielding error kept Colette Robert from collecting her third perfect game of the season in Mac-Hi's playoff tune-up on Monday.

Robert struck out 13 and walked none in the no-hitter, and also was one of three Pioneers to hit home runs.

Abi Biggs hit her eighth

if the season to drive in three runs, and senior Stefani Copeland hit her second in as many games after going her entire career without a home run until this past weekend.

Robert finished with three runs driven in, and Copeland was 2 for 3 to drive in four.

Mac-Hi coach Nicole Christian said the Pioneers' 10 hits were spread throughout the lineup, which brought her power hitters to the plate with runners on in most situations.

The Pioneers (24-1) end the regular season on an 18-game winning streak, and hope they won't cool off while they wait to make their postseason debut.

Mac-Hi, which won its first softball championship last season, will begin its title defense on Wednesday, May 27 against an opponent to be determined in the play-in round later this week.

MAC-HI 11, THE DALLES 0 (5 innings)									
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Sierra Watson and Grace Helyer. Colette Robert and Mallory Copeland. W — Robert. L — Watson.

2B — Brooke Kralman, Abi Biggs, M. Copeland (Mac-Hi). HR — Robert, Biggs, Stefanie Copeland (Mac-Hi).

Prep Roundup

Locals earn state berths in tennis and track

Ione boys tennis, Helix girls track win district titles

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KENNEWICK, Wash. — Ione's Jan Glasen dominated his championship match and the Cardinals brought back the team title from final-round action at the Special District 4 Championships.

After losing to Mac-Hi's Carlos Angel in a three-set championship match at sub districts on Monday, Glasen cruised past Angel in straight sets on Saturday 6-0, 6-2 to win the district title.

Also headed to state for the Ione boys is the doubles team of Kai Arbogast and Daichi Walters, who overcame an initial 6-4 loss to win their next two 6-1, 6-4 and place third.

Umatilla tied Mac-Hi with the second-highest boys team points (13) and also won a title when Ramiro Rubio and Alejandro Madrigal ousted their La Grande counterparts in the doubles final.

They too had to overcome an initial loss, 6-3, but won the next two 6-2, 6-4.

Adding to Mac-Hi's team score, but not earning a state berth, was consolation doubles champions Alex Alvarez and Ulysses Zaragoza, who beat a team from Ontario 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

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