Wolves win lottery

By BRIAN MAHONEY Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Minnesota Timberwolves too often came to the NBA draft lottery and left in worse shape than they

And when they finally ended years of lottery futility, it came from the spot where nobody had been winning.

The Timberwolves won the lottery Tuesday night, the first time since 2004 the team with the worst record earned the No. 1 pick.

After years of bad luck, things finally worked out for the Wolves, who can perhaps choose between big men Karl-Anthony Towns of Kentucky and Jahlil Okafor of national champion Duke to put next to Rookie of the Year Andrew Wiggins.

"We're in this for big stakes," said Flip Saunders, the Wolves' president and coach. "The big thing about this is getting good talent that can blend together. This is another big step."

The Los Angeles Lakers moved from the fourth spot to second, keeping a pick they would have sent to Philadelphia if it fell outside the top five. The 76ers are third followed by the New York Knicks, who had the second-best odds of winning but instead fell to fourth 30 years

after winning the first lottery and drafting Hall of Famer Patrick

Not since Orlando won the right to pick Dwight Howard in 2004 had the NBA's ultimate game of chance came out in favor of the team with the best odds. The Timberwolves had a 25 percent chance of landing the top pick after finishing 16-66.

But their fans knew not to get their hopes up after the Wolves had fallen backward eight times previously, including both times they were in the pole position. A chance at Shaquille O'Neal turned into Christian Laettner in 1992, and they fell one spot in 2011 to miss out on Kyrie

Several hundred fans gathered to watch on the big screen at Target Center in Minneapolis and erupted when the Lakers card came out of the envelope for No. 2, meaning Minnesota had finally earned the top pick for the first time.

The Lakers were the other big winners even without moving all the way to the top. Their pick was only protected in the top five as a condition of their trade with Phoenix for Steve Nash in 2012. That was dealt this season to the 76ers, who could have ended up with two top-six picks if the Lakers had fallen backward two

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Summit matched its Day 1 score and ran away with the team title with 314-314—628. Bend was second with 716, Wilsonville was third with 761 and Pendleton was fourth with 770.

5A Girls State Championships

Final Round, Par /2	
Team Leaderboard	
Summit	314-314628
Bend	360-356716
Wilsonville	361-355716
Pendleton	378-352730
Ridgeview	372-377—749
La Salle Prep	415-371—786
Crescent Valley	390-397—787
Corvallis	386-413-799
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Madison Odiorne, Summit	68-72-140	-4
Daniele Giles, Crater	70-70—140	-4
Haley Greb, Pendleton	<i>76-71—147</i>	+3
Halle Creswick, Corvallis	77-78—155	+11
Illiana Telles, The Dalles	79-76-155	+11
Rachel Drgastin, Summit	74-83-157	+13
Kaitlyn Howe, Wilsonville	83-74-157	+13
Sarah Heinly, Summit	82-77—159	+15
Stephanie MIller, Liberty	82-78—160	+16
Shelby Greb, Pendleton	84-78—162	+18
Audrey Chames, Wilsonville	83-84—167	+23
Maddy Mode, Bend	84-86-170	+26

Maddy Mode, Bend	84-86—170 +26
Pendleton scores	
Haley Greb	36-35—7°
Shelby Greb	41-37—78
Whitney Bahrns	46-53—99
Britney Bahrns	52-52-104
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Mustangs snag second silver in a row

REDMOND — The Heppner Mustangs placed every golfer inside the top 25 to earn the team silver for the second year in a row on Tuesday at the 3A-1A OSAA state championships at Quail Valley Golf Course.

Henley bettered its team score from the first round to win the title with a 347-345—692.

Heppner's score went up a little on Day 2, but the Mustangs still shot the second lowest for the round and finished with a 368-377—745. La Grande was third with 386-385—771.

The Mustangs were led by freshman Sophie Grant for the second day in a row and she ended the tournament in third

place after shooting an 88 on Tuesday. Two birdies aided her round, but a disastrous 11th hole ended with a 10 on her card.

While Grant will have three more seasons to try and improve that finish, seniors Emily Rea, Paige Grieb and Maddie Lindsay played their final rounds for Heppner.

Rea managed the course for one-stroke improvement and finished in 13th place (93-92—185), Grieb placed 17th (93-97—190) and Lindsay tied for 24th (98-100—98).

Sophomore Amanda Rea also tied for 24th (98-100—198). It was the highest career state placing for all of Heppner's

Henley senior Katie Collom added to her Day 1 lead with an even-par 72 that included three birdies and three bogeys. She finished with 75-72—147 to keep the title in the state title in the family. Her twin sister Kylie Collom won last year's championship but was fourth this season.

4A-1A Girls State ChampionshipsEagle Crest Ridge Course, Redmond Final Round, Par 72 Teams Leaderboard 347-345—692 368-377—745 386-385—771 386-390—776

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La Grande

Crook County

Emily Rea, Heppner

North Valley

Taft	402-386-	
Scappoose	394-405-	
Blanchet Catholic	402-411-	
Newport	442-463-	-905
Player Leaderboard		
Katie Collom, Henley	75-72—147	+3
Hannah Clarizio, Molalla	84-73—157	+13
Riley Helmick, Ontario	80-78—158	+14
Kylie Collom, Henley	81-77—158	+14
Kamryn Ford, St. Mary's	82-83-165	+21
Victoria Sample, Trinity	88-77—165	+21
Catherine Clemens, Burns	84-84-168	+24
Trinity McCarthy, La Grande	83-85-168	+24
Sophie Grant, Heppner	84-88-172	+28
Maya Hatton, Taft	89-86-175	+31
Jane Schlendorf, OES	93-85-178	+34
Tristin Vandehey, North Valley	93-87—180	+36

Heppner scores	
Sophie Grant	40-48-88 (17
Emily Rea	44-48—92 (18
Paige Grieb	50-47—97 (19
Maddie Lindsay	52-48—100 (19
Amanda Rea	53-47—100 (19

Orioles beat Mariners, Cruz

By DAVID GINSBURG Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Nelson Cruz forged another pleasant memory at Camden Yards, except for one important detail: his team lost.

Cruz hit a three-run homer in his first game in Baltimore since last year, but the Orioles got a homer and four RBIs from Jimmy Paredes in a 9-4 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Cruz led the majors with 40 home runs last season as a member of the Orioles. Returning for the first time since signing as a free agent with Seattle in December, Cruz hit his major-league leading 16th homer with two on in the third inning to give the Mariners a 4-1 lead.

Earlier, as he headed to the plate for his first at-bat, Cruz received a warm ovation from the crowd of 19, 494, many of whom shouted "Cruuuze!"

"It was nice, but I wish we would have played well enough to win the game," Cruz said. "It's a shame."

Paredes singled in two runs in the fourth inning and added a two-run drive off Danny Farquhar (0-2) in the sixth. Starting on a regular basis for the first time in his career, Paredes has reached base in 20 straight games and ranks second on the team with 22 RBIs.

On this night, the Orioles got the better of Seattle and Paredes outdid Cruz.

"That feels great because he's a big man right there," Paredes said. "A lot of fans root for something big from him, and we changed the game.

After being a part-timer with Houston, Kansas City and the Orioles, Paredes has finally found a home as Baltimore's designated hitter.

"It's great. It's an amazing season," said Paredes, who spent the first two weeks on the disabled list.

Cruz, meanwhile, heard cheers after his home run — even though it put the home team in a hole. "That was nice," Cruz said. "The

whole game in right field I heard good things. It makes you feel good."

But Cruz let a ball get past him

in the outfield, an error that provided Baltimore an unearned run and an 8-4 lead in the seventh.

"No excuses. That's a routine play," he said.

Miguel Gonzalez (5-2) allowed four runs and struck out eight over seven innings. He retired 13 of 15 batters after yielding Cruz's home run.

After Seth Smith opened the game with a home run, the Orioles got an RBI single from Steve Pearce in the bottom half after Smith robbed Adam Jones of a home run with a leaping catch at the left-field wall.

In the third, Gonzalez walked .129-hitting Chris Taylor, Robinson Cano singled and Cruz hit a hanging curve over the center-field wall.

Baltimore tied it at 4 in the fourth when Caleb Joseph hit an RBI single and Paredes delivered a two-out, two-run single.

The Orioles went ahead for the first time in the sixth. After successive doubles by Alejandro De Aza and Joseph produced a run, Paredes drove a 3-1 pitch into the left-field

PREPS: Bucks play to tie with Storm

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BASEBALL

HEPPNER 4, CULVER 3 — At Culver, the Heppner Mustangs were down to their final out of the season when Pat Collins came through with his biggest hit of the year on Tuesday in the Special District 6 tournament opening round.

Trailing 2-1 entering the top of the seventh, Heppner quickly burned its first two outs on a ground out and pop up.

Jake Lindsay kept them alive with a single, though, and Wes Putman followed with another single.

That brought up Collins, who smashed the first pitch he saw 400 feet and put the Mustangs up 4-2.

Culver wasn't going without a fight, though, and got two runners on with one out in the bottom of the seventh. A ground out scored a run, but Collins struck out the final batter to move the Mustangs into the next

Collins has six strikeouts, five walks and allowed six hits in the complete-game win.

Heppner will play Irrigon on Saturday at The Dalles with the winner earning a state playoff berth.

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IRRIGON 8, SHERMAN 2 -At Irrigon, the Knights extended

their season for at least one more game by beating Sherman in the first round of the Special District 6 tournament on Tuesday. Details of the game were not

available by press time. The Knights will play Heppner

in the next round of action, which resumes Saturday in The Dalles. Irrigon won both games when

they hosted Heppner for a double-

header last Saturday.

PENDLETON 4, SUMMIT — At The Dalles, both teams were focused on getting their pitchers ready for the postseason when the Buckaroos met the Storm for a non-league game at a neutral site.

Pendleton used seven pitchers and Summit used five, and when the game ended in a 4-4 tie after seven that was where it would stay. Devon Roe led the Bucks at the

plate going 3 for 4 with a run batted in, and Alex O'Rourke went 2 for 4. Pendleton (11-14-1) will host

Hillsboro on Friday in the 5A play-in round. First pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at Bob White Field.

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TJ Hancock (7) and Alex O'Rourke. Scott, Embree (3), Halligan (4), Fristedt (6), Mason (7) and Waterman. 2B — A. O'Rourke, W. Morris (PHS); Waterman, Yunker (SHS). 3B — Devon Roe (PHS).

BOYS GOLF: Heppner's Grieb ties for 16th

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Alec Berrey, Crescent

Hermiston Scores

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Player Leaderboard				
Kevin Geniza, Crescent	70-74—144	-		
Cole Chrisman, Summit	74-78-152	+8		
Marcus Frazier, Lebanon	73-80—153	+5		
Jack Loberg, Summit	75-80—155	+1		
Max McGee, Bend	77-78—155	+1		
Josh Goins, Lebanon	77-79—156	+12		
Cooper Donahue, Summit	80-76—156	+12		
Ryan DeCastihos, Bend	79-78—157	+13		
Rhett Pedersen, Bend	81-77—158	+14		
Michael Kuenzi, Silverton	82-76—158	+14		
Max Higlin, Summit	81-78—159	+1		
Ben Wasserman, Summit	80-79—159	+1		
A.J. Martinez, Woodburn	79-83—162	+1		
Reilly Hegarty, Pendleton	80-82—162	+1		
Julian Kuznetsov, Woodburn	80-83—163	+19		
Jacob Miller, Corvallis	77-86—163	+19		
Paden LaCoursiere, Hermiston	81-82—163	+1		
Zac Adams, Hermiston	84-81—165	+2		
Keegan Crafton, Hermiston	82-83—165	+2		
Mason Krieger Mtn View	89-76—165	+2		

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illon George	39-50-89 (171)
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Mustangs rise, Eagles fall on Day 2

BANKS — The Heppner Mustangs passed three teams on their way to a seventh place finish at the 3A-1A OSAA boys golf state championships on Tuesday.

Sophomore Logan Grieb led the way and finished with an 81 on Tuesday to give him a two-round score of 161 and tie him for 16th

He was the highest placing local, but Nixyaawii's Riley Lankford was just three strokes back in a tie for

Golden Eagles senior Tiya-Po Farrow, who led the team in the first round with an 81, withdrew from the second round for unknown reasons. That caused the Eagles' team

score to skyrocket on Day 2, and they finished in last place. Cascade Christian won the team

title with 592 and St. Mary's was second with 620. St. Mary's junior Jeremy Wu

was able to rest on his lead and shot a 74 to finish seven under par at 63-74—137 for the individual title. His older brother Dylan won the title last season.

In the 4A tournament, despite three birdies Mac-Hi sophomore Riley Chester added six strokes to his card and slipped to 27th place in his first state appearance. Chester finished with 84-90—174.

Mazama's Bryce Wortman won the title by three strokes over Seaside's Sam Hinton with a score

Seaside won the team title with 623 and Valley Catholic was second with 643.

3A-1A Boys State Championships Quail Valley Golf Course, Banks Final Round, Par 72

Team Leaderboard 295-297-592 Cascade Christian St. Mary's Catlin Gabel 301-319—620 308-317—625 318-321—639 Oakridge Oregon Episcopal 348-338-686 340-348--688 Heppner Taft 380-386-766 392-383—775 406-398—804 *360-458—818* Blanchet Catholic

Nixyaawii Player Leaderboard Jeremy Wu, St. Mary's Jake Quast, Cascade Ch 63-74—137 71-74—145 72-74—146 Max Davis, Cascade Chr. Gerry Snyder, Oakridge 72-75-147 72-75—147 +3 76-72—148 +4 75-75—150 +6 74-78—152 +8 76-77—153 +9 74-80—154 +10 76-79—155 +11 81-76—157 +13 81-76—157 +13 Ben Quast, Cascade Chr. Dayne Miller, Creswell Will Conyers, Catlin Gabel Michael Clark, Cascade Chr Walter Sherry, Catlin Gabel Joel Snyder, Oakridge Brendan Edelson, Catlin Gabel Nick Conway, Blanchet Cath. 74-83—157 +13 76-84—160 +16 82-79—161 +17 80-81—161 +17 79-83—162 +18 Steven Olmstead, Westside Brandon Chun, St. Mary's Carl Felstiner, OES Logan Grieb, Heppner

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49-49-98 (214)

TRACK: Behrendt making fourth state appearance for Bulldogs; Neal a quick study

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Boozer is qualified in four events as she'll also run in both relays along with teammates Zoe Fishel, Jaiden Lemberger, Jackie Talbot, Taryn Sokoloski and Utter.

looking "I'm really forward to going to state and having a lot of fun at the state meet," said Boozer, who qualified for state a thirdstraight year. "It definitely feels really good to qualify for state again and It's such an awesome experience to go there. I've worked very hard all year and it was my goal to get to the state meet again. I have to give lots of credit for my success this year to coach Ben Bradley and also to my former coach from last year Jodi Bettineski, who retired. They've both helped

Utter has also qualified for state a second consecutive year and is ranked third in discus at 117 feet, 9 inches.

Utter, who runs on the Bucks' 4x400 relay squad, took ninth in the discus a year ago at 97-5 and has shown tremendous improvement since then. Lady Bucks that also

qualified for state and hope to get a top-eight podium finish Saturday include CRC javelin champion Hattie Thompson, senior Kristin Williams (javelin), sophomore Kiara Glover (high jump), sophomore Hailey Kendrick (pole vault) and sophomore Audrey Lincoln (200, 400).Buckaroo boys who could

very likely earn a podium spot include junior Andrew Porter (400),Andrew Thomas (triple jump), Jonathan Stuvland (high jump). Thomas took second (41-6) at districts to Hermiston senior Sheridan Zumwalt, who won the district title at 42-1.

Pendleton junior Nolan Bylenga, the back-to-back CRC 800 district champion,



coln took second place in the girls 400-meter dash Friday in the CRC district track meet Friday in The probably has the best shot on

the Buck boys squad to bring

home a state championship.

Bylenga took third in the 800

in Eugene last year and he

Friday's district final at 1:58. "My goal at the state meet is to get a time of around 1:54 and hopefully

finish first or second," said Bylenga. "It would be nice to win a state championship, but there's going to be lots of tough competition there. The harder your battles are though makes a victory feel even greater." The Hermiston Bulldogs

squad, guided by first-year head coach Emilee Strot and sprint coach Mark Hodges could very well have a number of athletes that might earn respective podium finishes too. For the boys team, seniors Tyler McCabe (100), Chris Behrendt (200, 400), Zumwalt, and juniors Trey Neal (shot put, discus, javelin), Hayden Earl (800), Nathan Hunsaker (javelin) and Josiah Niederwerfer (1,500) are expected to

compete for a top eight spot. Bulldogs

was the only runner to time CRC-champion relay team in faster than two minutes in of Behrendt, McCabe, Ethan Snow and Zumwalt also could have a strong podium run too. Behrendt is the CRC 400 district champion and has qualified for state all

four years.

year to win my first ever district championship," said Behrendt, who will also run on both Bulldog relay teams. "I feel proud of the fact that I've been to the state meet every year and I'm excited about going there again this

"It's been my goal all

Neal, a first year track & field athlete, won the district javelin title and was runner-up in the discus and shot put. "It's been kind of difficult

trying to learn everything while competing in my first year of track & field, but I have lots of natural athletic ability that has helped me to perform well," said Neal. 'We have an amazing staff with throws coach David Faateete and head coach Emilee Strot, who both competed in throwing events in the NCAA Division I level in college. If we're lucky enough, we hoping to win a team championship. Individually, I'm just looking to compete hard and do the best that I can. We'll definitely score points with our sprinters, because I think we have one of the best 4x400 relay teams." Hermiston's girls that are

hopeful for top-eight finishes include senior Jazmin Gutierrez, the district shot put champion and sophomore Audrey Lincoln, who had two district runnerup finishes in the 100 and 200, just behind defending champ Jestena Mattson of Hood River. Preliminaries start

9 a.m. Friday with field events and continue with running events and the meet will conclude at 9:30 p.m. Saturday's finals in both events start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:15 p.m.