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Brewers reliever suspended 8 games

ATLANTA (AP) — Milwaukee Brewers manager Craig Counsell didn't see a shiny substance on reliever Will Smith's right arm until it was too late.

Atlanta Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez had already emerged from the dugout to ask umpires to check to see if Smith was cheating.

"Fredi did what he had to do, I understand," Counsell said. "He's competing, he's trying to win a game. That's what he thought he had to do."

Smith was suspended for eight games by Major League Baseball on Friday for having a foreign substance on his arm in Thursday's 10-1 loss to the Braves.

Because Smith plans to appeal, the penalty is on hold.



Globetrotters great dies at 89

PHOENIX (AP) — Marques Haynes' dribbling skills wowed fans in more than 100 countries. He was a showstopper, a player who helped make the Harlem Globetrotters beloved ambassadors of basketball around the world.

Haynes, often called the greatest dribbler in basketball history, died Friday in Plano, Texas, of natural causes, the Globetrotters said. He was 89.

"Basketball has lost one of its most iconic figures," Globetrotters CEO Kurt Schneider said.

In two stints with the touring team — from 1947-53 and 1972-79 — Haynes played in more than 1,200 games for a team that combined dazzling skills, theatrical flair and circus antics.



"It means nothing, really. It's just a big draft. You know, we'll see on Sunday."

— Will Power
IndyCar driver after posting the fastest lap in the final practice for Sunday's Indianapolis 500. Power, who races for Team Penske, posted 229.020 mph.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
May 23
1901 — The Cleveland Indians score nine runs with two outs in the ninth inning to beat the Washington Senators 14-13.
1976 — Boston center Dave Cowens dominates the NBA Finals opener, finishing with 25 points and 21 rebounds to lead the Celtics past the Phoenix Suns 98-87.
May 24
1936 — Tony Lazzeri of the New York Yankees drives in 11 runs with a triple and three home runs two of them grand slams in a 25-2 rout of the Philadelphia A's.
1981 — The Indianapolis 500 ends in controversy when Mario Andretti, who finished second to Bobby Unser, is declared the winner because Unser broke a rule during a slowdown period near the end of the race. The decision is later reversed, giving Unser credit for the victory, but he is fined \$40,000.

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State Track

Glover tops Day 1 for large schools

Pendleton high jumper Kiara Glover clears the bar Friday during the OSAA state track and field championship at Hayward Field.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Pendleton jumper one of six to finish on podium

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

EUGENE — Pendleton high jumper Kiara Glover failed to match last week's Columbia River Conference district runner-up mark, but still made a podium appearance

in her first trip to historic Hayward Field Friday afternoon.

Competing in wet conditions, Glover, a Buckaroo sophomore, cleared 5 feet even to place fourth at the OSAA Class 5A State Track and Field Championships. Summit's Hannah Cochran was the only competitor over 5-4 and took her first state championship in the process.

Glover was one of six regional athletes to step upon the podium at

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Vikings push through finish



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Amie Zitterkob, of Umatilla, wins the 200-meter dash Friday during the OSAA state track and field championship at Hayward Field, beating teammate Andrea Lemus-Cisne who came in second.

Umatilla sprinters take top two spots in 200-meter dash

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

EUGENE — Andrea Lemus-Cisneros found herself in familiar positioning upon the Hayward Field award stand Friday.

Paced down the backstretch by Umatilla teammate Amie Zitterkob, Lemus-Cisneros defeated her training mate with a final lean, reclaiming her Class 3A 200 meter title at Friday's Class 3A/2A/1A State Track and Field Championships in Eugene.

"My teammate is pretty fast," said Lemus-Cisneros, who finished in 25.80 seconds, .22 seconds ahead of Zitterkob. "She helped me a lot. I just disconnected my mind with my legs. I couldn't think about it. I just went for it."

"This was the goal. I wanted it. This is my favorite event. I wanted it really bad."

Zitterkob crossed the line in a close second, completing a 1-2

finish that aided the Vikings to a fifth place team finish in the Class 3A girls competition, tied for the school's best ever state placing. Vale won with 84 points, 27 more than the next closest team.

The sprinting duo, which will continue their athletic pairing next year at Eastern Oregon, were a part of the entirety of the Vikings 41 points.

Zitterkob led off the team's short relay earlier in the day and once again it was Lemus-Cisneros rumbling down the backstretch to victory. Lemus-Cisneros' swift anchor leg earned the team not only the victory but a school-record 50.66 time in the process.

"I saw that I was going to have to fight for it," she said, as the field was even at the final baton pass. "We had a perfect handoff and I didn't see anyone. I was in the zone. Last year we were so close. We couldn't miss it again."

The speedy pair had its only

misstep in the 100 meters. Entering with the second and third fastest qualifying marks, the two finished second and fourth in the straight sprint behind Pleasant Hill's Megan Miller. Zitterkob led the way in 12.81, Lemus-Cisneros in 12.87.

It was not the only Umatilla triumph of the evening.

Fabian Cardenas completed the physically taxing distance double on Friday. A day after repeating as 3,000 meter champion in state meet record time, the junior distance star captured his first 1,500 meter crown.

"Most guys don't get even one of them because it's so tough on the legs," said Cardenas, who finished in 4 minutes, 7.85 seconds. "But it feels good coming from getting fourth in the 1,500 last year and getting both of them (this year)."

Friday's win was not another solo race. This time Tim McPherson of Cascade Christian pushed to the head of the pack after one lap, letting Cardenas gather himself

before taking off with 800 meters remaining. The acceleration left the field in the dust, creating six seconds of separation between himself and McPherson, who crossed the line in second.

The time was .15 seconds slower than Cardenas personal-best time set at this year's Buck Track Classic in Pendleton.

Deana Harris understands the athletic wonders that have been had at Hayward Field.

"There's been people who've PR'ed by two feet," the Condon/Wheeler senior pole vaulter said.

Harris didn't let any such miracles interfere with her Class 1A state pole vault title defense Friday, taking an aggressive approach to her final prep track meet en route to a 10 feet even clearance and a second straight championship medal Friday.

"I feel like I finished off on a good note," she said.

Harris and Amanda Casey of

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PENDLETON

Bucks finish strong, beat Spartans

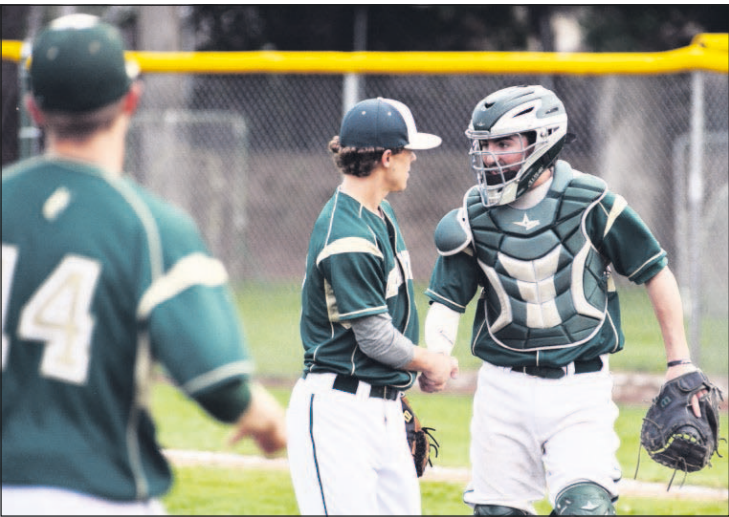
Pendleton advances to championship bracket

By MATT ENTRUP
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If the Pendleton Buckaroos have learned anything from this baseball season, it's that it doesn't matter how you start.

That lesson served them well in Friday's 6-1 win over Hillsboro at Bob White Field, a game that turned into a microcosm for the Bucks' season and, more importantly, extended it.

Entering the OSAA Class 5A play-in round, Hillsboro (18-9) had won six games in a row and 10 of its last 11. Coming off back-to-back wins, Pendleton



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton pitcher Quinn Cockburn is congratulated by catcher Alex O'Rourke after pitching a complete game in the Bucks' 6-1 win against Hillsboro Friday in Pendleton.

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State Tennis

Locals drop from title hunt

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CORVALLIS — Ione junior Jan Glasen's hot streak reached its end when he ran up against the No. 1 seed at the Class 4A-1A boys tennis state championships on Friday.

After finishing runner-up at his district qualifier, Glasen began a winning streak that carried him to a district title and extended through the first round of action at

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