

Sports shorts

Three Ducks taken on Day 2 of draft

EUGENE — Oregon’s Garrett Cleavinger, Josh Graham and Mitchell Tolman were drafted Tuesday on day two of the Major League Baseball Draft.

Cleavinger, a native of Baldwin City, Kansas, was picked in the third round with the 102nd overall pick by the Baltimore Orioles.

The junior closer was a All-Pac-12 Conference first-team pick while compiling a 6-2 record with a 1.58 ERA and nine saves.

Graham, a junior right-handed pitcher from Roseburg, went to the Atlanta Braves in the fourth round with pick No. 120.

Tolman was picked in the seventh round, 217th overall, by the Pittsburgh Pirates. The third baseman from Lake Forest, California, was a All-Pac-12 pick as a sophomore and a junior.

Giants’ Heston pitches no-hitter

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Heston pitched the first no-hitter in the majors this season in his 13th career start, leading the San Francisco Giants over the New York Mets 5-0 Tuesday night.

The rookie allowed three baserunners — all on hit batters. He also had a two-run single for his first big league RBIs and finished with two more hits than the Mets.

The pitching-rich Giants have thrown a no-hitter in four straight seasons, with Heston following Matt Cain’s perfect game against Houston in 2012 and hitless gems by Tim Lincecum in 2013 and ‘14.

The only other team to accomplish that feat was the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1962-65, according to STATS. Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax pitched all four of those.

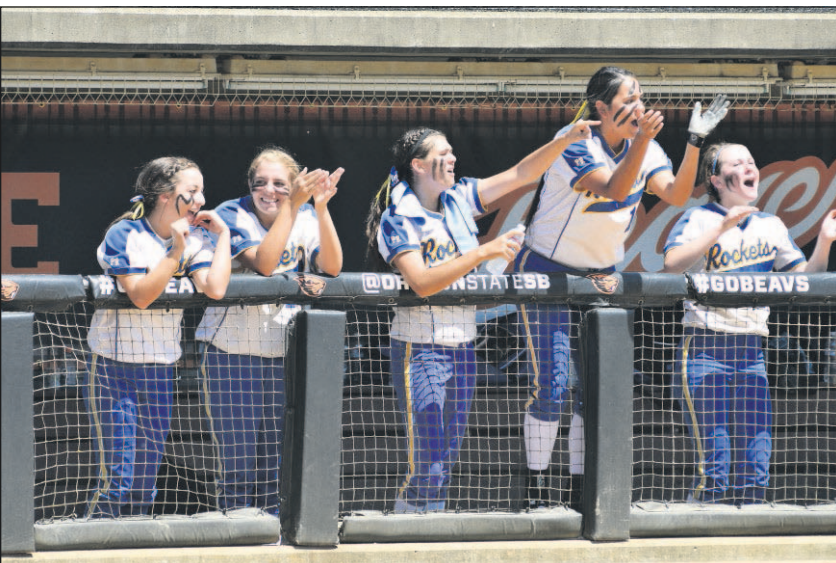
“I’m out there naked. No, I’m not wearing anything.”

— **Richard Sherman**
Seattle Seahawks CB when asked if he was wearing any extra protection for the elbow he injured in the NFC Championship. Sherman chose not to undergo Tommy John surgery and has been able to participate in organized team activities, which ended Tuesday.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1933 — Johnny Goodman wins the U.S. Open golf title, making him the last amateur to win this event.
1990 — Andres Gomez ends 10 years of Grand Slam frustration with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Andre Agassi to capture the men’s title in the French Open for his first Grand Slam championship.
2005 — Baltimore’s 4-3 win over Cincinnati marks the first time that three 500-homer players appear in the same game the Orioles’ Sammy Sosa (580) and Rafael Palmeiro (559), and the Reds’ Ken Griffey, who hits a solo shot in the eighth inning for No. 511.

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Rockets, TigerScots crowd all-league team



Members of the Pilot Rock softball team cheer on their teammates during the 2A/1A state championship against Weston-McEwen on Friday, June 5. Several players from both teams were named to the Special District 6 All-league teams this season.

State title participants receive district recognition

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Unsurprisingly state finalists Pilot Rock and Weston-McEwen were well represented on the Special District 6 All-league softball teams.

In voting conducted prior to the Rockets 3-2 victory over the TigerScots, seven Pilot Rock players were recognized among the league’s best, while five Weston-McEwen players were chosen.

The Rockets were led on the See ALL-LEAGUE/2B

NBA Finals



AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) celebrates with teammate Matthew Dellavedova during the second half of Game 3 of basketball’s NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Cleveland, Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

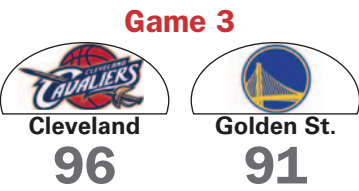
Cavs grab series lead

Cleveland holds off Warriors in fourth quarter

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James came home last summer to win a championship — one like no other.

He’s two wins away. Pushed by a crowd howling to see Cleveland’s 51-year title drought end, James scored 40 points, his new sidekick Matthew Dellavedova added 20 and the



Cavaliers survived Golden State’s furious fourth-quarter comeback led by Stephen Curry for a 96-91 win over the Warriors on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals.

“Those 3’s Steph had in that fourth quarter, those are the same ones that he missed in the first three quarters,” James said. “He’s just a great shooter.”

James added 12 rebounds and

eight assists in 46 minutes, his third stellar performance in his fifth straight finals. The Cavs, who won Game 2 at Golden State for their first ever finals win, now have their first at Quicken Loans Arena. They’ll have a chance to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series in Game 4 on Thursday night.

“This is a great moment and my teammates need me,” James said. “It’s my job to go out and lead those guys, teach those guys, yell at those guys and then come back and tell them it’s OK, let’s move to the next play.”

Cleveland nearly threw Game 3 away.

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PENDLETON

Bucks prepare addition to Hall

Six individuals, one team to be enshrined

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Playing football for the Pendleton Buckaroos was all a young Todd Knop ever wanted.

It was a dream he for which he was willing to endure pain.

“The house I had piano lessons in was right above the practice field and I could look out the window and watch practice,” he said while taking a break from running Lone Market and Deli, which he’s owned for two years. “(My teacher) would always be swatting my hands with her ruler to make me pay attention, but I couldn’t stop looking out the window.”

Knop eventually ditched the piano lessons and began riding his bike down from his childhood home on Pendleton’s north hill to watch practice from the sidelines.

Football became his first love.

“During the games we used to get a can or a milk carton or whatever we could find and we’d play sandlot football on the sidelines during the game,” he said. “I played all the other sports, baseball, basketball, but I knew football was what I wanted to do.”

So one could imagine Knop’s displeasure, when heading into fifth grade he was told his family would be moving to Hillsboro. He would not be a Buckaroo. He would not play for head coach Don Requa.

“When we moved away it was pretty disappointing,” he recalled. “I just really wanted to be a Buckaroo.”

But Knop would return as a 10th-grader when his father became part-owner of a local furniture store, and on July 10 will head an induction class of six players and one team at the 12th Annual Buckaroo Football Hall of Fame reception.

Former Pendleton coach Rollin Schimmel, players Edgar Hargrow, Monte Byford, Earl Jambura and Jay Lilly, and the 1961 team will also be honored.

Knop became a two-year starter for the Bucks, earning a full-time starting job in his senior season of 1977.

He started all 12 games that year for a team that reached the state semifinals and is considered to be one of the finest assembled under Requa.

“This is one of the biggest honors I’ve had in my life,” said Knop, who is already a member of one hall of fame as an assistant coach with the 1983 Southern Oregon football team. “I’m real excited

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PENDLETON Linke, Storaci honored by T-Wolves

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Sierra Linke has won just about every award imaginable in a Blue Mountain Community College uniform.

The decorated volleyball player added another on Tuesday, though, when she was named one of the recipients of the Wally McCrae Student Athlete of the Year Award.

Baseball player Alex Storaci was named the male recipient.

Linke, a sophomore outside hitter from Pasco, was the 2014 Baden Volleyball Player of the Year while leading the Timberwolves to their third-straight NWAC championship.



Linke



Storaci

Linke was also the East Region and NWAC Tournament MVP and led the conference with 273 kills. She will continue her playing career at Eastern Oregon University this fall.

Storaci, a sophomore first baseman from Kennewick, batted .242 for the T-Wolves this spring

and scored 25 runs with 15 RBIs. He was a valued member of the program beyond his play on the field, and showed a strong work ethic through his duties with the field crew and game management. He will attend Corbin University in the fall.

The Wally McCrae award has been given every year since 1975 to honor BMCC’s first college president. Each year BMCC athletic director Brett Bryan selects one male and one female athlete to be honored for their commitment in the classroom and on the playing fields. Their names will be added to the plaque that hangs on campus in the McCrae Activity Center.