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Tickle gets high school QB slapped with suspension

SALEM (AP) — An Oregon high school quarterback has been suspended from school because officials said he inappropriately touched another player during practice.

West Salem High principal Ken Phillips declined to discuss the incident, but freshman quarterback Garrett Moore told the Statesman Journal it happened when he was taking snaps under center last week.

He said he inadvertently tickled the center while moving his hands. He said the center later kned him in the crotch.

Moore says an assistant principal called him in for a pair of meetings Tuesday and gave him a three-day suspension. A written notice says it's for inappropriately touching another student during practice.

His mother, Tamara Moore, says the situation is absurd and she plans to appeal the suspension.

Mariners fire Lloyd McClendon after 2 seasons

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners fired manager Lloyd McClendon on Friday after two seasons as new general manager

Jerry Dipoto chose to bring in his own field boss.

Seattle announced the decision less than a week after the Mariners

concluded a disappointing 76-86 season. Seattle started the year with expectations of contending in the AL West and reaching the postseason, but instead finished in fourth place in the division.

McClendon was 163-161 in his two seasons with the Mariners and was the only black manager in baseball. Dipoto's decision means Seattle will have its 10th manager — full-time and interim — since the club's last playoff appearance in 2001.

"You can't race like this all year because it's just so draining and so hard on everybody."

— **Kevin Harvick**
Defending Chase champion on what it takes to win during NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup. Coming off a must-win at Dover, Harvick starts in the 11th position when the second round of the Chase kicks off Saturday with the Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

October 10
1981 — Southern Cal's Marcus Allen rushes for 211 yards, his fifth straight 200-plus rushing game, in a 13-10 loss to Arizona.

2011 — NBA Commissioner David Stern cancels the first two weeks of the season after owners and players are unable to reach a new labor deal and end the lockout.

October 11
1890 — The first 100-yard dash under 10 seconds is run by John Owens at 9.8 in an AAU track and field meet in Washington.

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IRRIGON

Tigers come back, stun Knights



Stanfield's Tyler Monkus rushes the ball in the Tigers' 49-41 win against Irrigon on Friday in Irrigon.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Stanfield erases 20-point deficit to beat Irrigon

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Friday's game between the Irrigon Knights and Stanfield Tigers looked on paper to be one of the best games of the season.

The game featured two undefeated teams sitting at the top of the CBC against each other, battling it out for possible playoff positioning.

When the game was finally played, it lived up its billing and more as Stanfield erased a 20-point

deficit to defeat the Irrigon Knights 49-41 in Irrigon.

"I thought we played a pretty good game," said Irrigon coach Steve Sheller. "I thought if we could have got one more touchdown ahead of them, it could have done it. The Stanfield Tigers just did not roll over and die tonight."

The game played out to be a tale of two halves, as Irrigon dominated



the first half on both sides of the football.

The Knights (5-1, 1-1 CBC) offense was moving up-and-down the field at will behind the backfield trio of Freddy Vera, Carlos Zachariais and Austin Rice.

On Irrigon's first possession Zachariais took the handoff from quarterback Nathan Verle and bounced around the left edge before outrunning the Stanfield defense for

a 46-yard touchdown run.

A successful two-point conversion gave the Knights an 8-0 lead with just under 10 minutes left in the first quarter.

Stanfield (6-0, 2-0 CBC) wasted no time to show off their offensive firepower as Thlyer Monkus took the handoff from quarterback Dylan Grogan and scampered 65-yards to the house to cut Irrigon's lead to 8-7 early in the first quarter.

Then Irrigon began to run away, See **TIGERS/2B**

HERMISTON

Ena adds icing to Bulldogs' first win

Hermiston downs Sandy in second overtime period

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

In Hermiston's season opener against Hanford, Vaemu Ena had a chance at two momentum-shifting interceptions, yet both slipped through his hands on a misty autumn night.

Friday night against Sandy, he made good on those drops by intercepting Sandy quarterback Kelly Sanders twice in two different overtime periods, and Omar Garcia



Hermiston's Omar Garcia (center) lowers his shoulders in preparation for contact with Sandy's Alex Soenyun (5) and Pioneers teammates. Garcia scored on the play, giving Hermiston a double-overtime 13-6 win Friday night.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee

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Prep Roundup

Heppner, Weston-McEwen roll to shutout victories

Mac-Hi, Echo, Umatilla lose lopsided games

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HEPPNER — The Mustangs dominated the line of scrimmage and out-gained the Bulldogs by 537 yards for another rout in Columbia Basin Conference football.

Heppner won 56-0 and held Culver to -21 yards on offense while piling up 515 of its own.

"I think the best thing that happened tonight was our offensive line is really starting to mature," said Heppner coach Greg Grant. "They're

starting to become problem solvers and really take some ownership of how things are going."

Quarterback Kaden Clark found plenty of room to work and led Heppner (6-0, 2-0 CBC) with 105 rushing yards and three touchdowns on just eight attempts. Logan Grieb also posted a gaudy average going for 103 yards and a touchdown on just three carries, and C.J. Kindle added a 104-yard evening on five carries and three catches.

Clark finished 7-of-11 for 130 yards passing with two touchdowns and no interceptions. Kindle had one of those touchdown receptions on a team-high 76 yards, and Grieb had the other on a 23-yard catch, his

only reception.

Tommy Bredfield added 69 yards on six carries and Heppner rushed for 366 yards.

Culver (2-4, 0-2) was led by Jaiden Jones with 64 yards on 20 carries, and was hurt by several bad snaps that went for big losses.

Patrick Collins led Heppner's defense with seven tackles and Weston Putman added six. Kolby Currin recovered two fumbles, and 20 players were credited with at least one tackle.

"I thought we played really well defensively. The kids rallied to the ball, tackled well," Grant said.

Heppner plays at Stanfield next week while Culver goes to Pilot Rock.

WESTON-MCEWEN 57, PILOT ROCK 0 — At Athena, the TigerScots secured their first shutout of the season to remain in the Columbia Basin Conference title hunt. Weston-McEwen (4-2, 1-1 CBC) coach T.J. Bailey said it was a great job by his backup defenders in the second half.

"The younger kids stepped up to the challenge in the second half," said the first-year head coach. "In a game like this you look for the positives and we were able to get a lot of younger kids on the field and they were able to handle their responsibilities and maintain that shutout."

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