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Lynx beat Fever for WNBA crown

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The third championship for the Minnesota Lynx was by far their most difficult. And that made the party that much sweeter.



With a suffocating defense and a yearning to celebrate in front of their loyal fans, the Lynx turned a tense WNBA Finals into a runaway.

Sylvia Fowles had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Lynx captured their third title in five years with a 69-52 victory over the Indiana Fever in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Augustus added 16 points and Rebekkah Brunson grabbed 14 rebounds for the Lynx, who also won it all in 2011 and 2013. Moore scored just five points on 1-for-8 shooting, but the Lynx forced 21 turnovers and held Indiana to 35.7 percent shooting in the league's first Game 5 since 2009.

Vikings want more Barney Ball

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland State's Bruce Barnum, a first-time head coach whose Vikings opened the season with their first-ever victory over a Pac-12

team, has been given a five-year contract, the school announced Wednesday.

Barnum had been the Vikings' offensive

coordinator but he was elevated last year when the Portland State dismissed Nigel Burton after five seasons. Barnum was given a one-year contract, largely seen as a try-out for the top job.

Portland State opened the season with a 24-17 upset of Washington State on Sept. 5, a first for the Vikings.

Portland State has gone on to compile a 4-1 record.

Athletic director Mark Rountree said in announcing the contract that, "Coach Barnum has proven he can lead our team to compete at the highest levels."

"He largely kept to himself, and at no time did he engage in any drug use in the presence of anyone in the house. He did drink alcohol from our bar, and was taking some herbal sexual enhancement capsules."

— **Dennis Hof**
Nevada brothel owner in a statement to police after former NBA and reality TV star Lamar Odom was found unconscious in his Love Ranch brothel on Tuesday. Odom remained on life support but was receiving visitors including estranged wife Khloe Kardashian and Rev. Jesse Jackson. Doctors believed Odom's condition was improving at press time.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1977 — Reggie Jackson hits three consecutive home runs, all on the first pitch, to lead the New York Yankees to the World Series championship over Los Angeles in six games.

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BOARDMAN

Pirates pour it on



Riverside defender Ulises Calvillo-Rosas steals the ball from Umatilla's Elian Armenta in the Pirates' 6-0 win against the Vikings on Wednesday in Boardman.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Riverside boys secure league championship

East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — The Riverside boys soccer team spent the entire offseason planning its return to the top of Special District 4, and the Pirates didn't let up when they got the chance to steal the crown back from rival Umatilla.

Riverside secured the league championship on Wednesday with a 6-0 win and netted five goals before

Boys Soccer

Riverside	Umatilla
6	0

halftime. "I think that the good thing is we bring back the league championship to Riverside," said Riverside coach

Francisco Velazquez. "We practiced a lot these last two weeks for this game because this was a big one."

Alexis Mendoza scored the first of his two goals to get things started in the first half, and Jassiel Carmona, Edgar Rodriguez and Misael Madrigal also scored before halftime.

Velazquez said Umatilla (5-5-1,

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PENDLETON

Season starts anew

CRC play begins Friday with game at Hood River

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

With six weeks already come and gone in the 2015 season, the Pendleton Buckaroos are running out of chances to make its mark.

The Bucks sit with a 2-4 record and are coming off of three consecutive losses — most recently a 26-19 loss at AC Davis in Yakima, Washington on Oct. 8.

However, with Columbia River Conference play beginning on Friday against Hood River, head coach Erik Davis has been telling his team to put those six games behind them.

"I constantly tell the team that we are 0-0 now," he said after practice on Wednesday. "You can say we're 2-4 or whatever, but everything we've done has prepared us for Hood River. So those bumps and bruises and close losses has prepared us to compete, especially in the CRC."

The Bucks get perhaps the toughest CRC opponent at the start in Hood River, as the team will travel the two-and-a-half hour drive on

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Football

Pendleton Buckaroos (2-4)	Hood River Eagles (3-3)

• Friday, 7 p.m.
• at Hood River
• Radio: KTIK 1240 AM

HERMISTON

Bulldogs ready for The Dalles

Start of league play presents new challenge for Hermiston

East Oregonian

After five long weeks of blowout losses and long road trips, the Hermiston Bulldogs finally got into the win column in 2015, defeating Sandy in double-overtime 13-7.

But with those first few weeks now behind them, a new challenge is presented to Hermiston as Columbia River Conference play begins on Friday.

First up for the Bulldogs (1-5) is a trip to The Dalles for a game against a Riverhawks (1-4) squad that is struggling to stay healthy.

Due to the player safety concerns at The Dalles, the status of the game was up-in-the-air until Monday, when it was announced that it would go on as scheduled. So with that the Bulldogs have their

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Football

Hermiston Bulldogs (1-5)	The Dalles Riverhawks (1-4)

• Friday, 7 p.m.
• at The Dalles
• Radio: KOHU 1360 AM

Prep Football

Marquee meeting has title-game feel

Undefeated Stanfield hosts unbeaten Heppner

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — The ever-present stalwart, Heppner (6-0, 2-0), looks to continue its dominance over the Columbia Basin Conference when the long-smoldering upstart, Stanfield (6-0, 2-0), plays host on Friday night at 7 p.m.

"This will determine it," said Stanfield coach Davy Salas. "You couldn't have written a better script."

Both teams are playing well. Both teams are mostly healthy with all the key players in the lineup.

Most of all, Heppner sits in the chair Stanfield wants to occupy.

"We gotta beat them," junior quarterback Dylan Grogan said. "They're in our way to getting where we want — to win league and go through state."

"If you want to be the best, you've got to beat the best," Salas said of last season's CBC champs and state runner-up. "Heppner's been the best in this area. Greg Grant, to my eyes, is the best coach this area's ever seen at all levels. You can't disregard what the man's done in the last 30 years of coaching Heppner. Stuff like that just doesn't happen."

The No. 9 Mustangs enter with the second-ranked scoring offense



Stanfield quarterback Dylan Grogan (center) is dragged down by Imbler's Tyler Bales (8) and Wyatt Rankin during the Tigers' 46-26 win earlier this season in Stanfield.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee

at 50.8 points a game and the third-ranked scoring defense allowing just 12, but have beaten up on a schedule that is posting just a .260 winning percentage.

Stanfield's opponents are slightly better at .450, and the No. 3 Tigers rank fourth in offense (40.7 ppg) and ninth in defense (19 ppg).

Heppner's league wins are over Pilot Rock, 52-19, and Culver, 56-0. Stanfield is coming off wins over Weston-McEwen, 19-14, and

Irrigon, 49-41.

"I knew it would be a tough stretch of games. We just beat Weston-McEwen. We just beat Irrigon, two of the top dogs in the CBC," Salas said. "We're right there. We're really right there. That game just showed me once these kids start believing how good they are, they can hold a really explosive Irrigon team to seven points in the second half. ...

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