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MLB Hall of Fame trims voting pool

NEW YORK (AP) — The voting pool for the Baseball Hall of Fame is being cut by about 20 percent.

The Hall said Friday that it estimated 475 ballots would be mailed for the upcoming election. Last year, about 600 ballots were mailed and 549 were cast by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.



The Hall said in July it was cutting the number of voters by eliminating writers who had not been active in the game for more than 10 years.

Previously, the electorate included people who had been active members of the BBWAA for 10 consecutive years at any point.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Trevor Hoffman are the top new candidates for election. The results will be announced Jan. 6.

Odom improving, offered thumbs-up

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A family representative said Lamar Odom has regained consciousness, speaking and even offering a thumbs-up from his hospital bed, just days after being found in

extremely critical condition at a Nevada brothel.

Alvina Alston, publicist for Ja'Neen Mercer, Odom's maternal aunt and

godmother, said that Odom spoke a greeting and gave a thumbs-up Friday morning, his first communication since being hospitalized in Las Vegas Tuesday.

A person who is close to estranged wife Khloe Kardashian, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to release details of Odom's condition to the press, also said that he was able to say hi to Kardashian.

It serves as the first significant update on Odom's health since he was found unconscious and facedown at the Love Ranch in Crystal, Nevada, Tuesday afternoon.

"We're tired. ... But we've got a night off, and this place is going to be fueled with a lot of energy tomorrow night. I think we'll be able to use that as a little medicine to find some extra adrenaline."

— **Terry Collins**
Mets skipper on the toll four cross-country flights in 10 days has taken on his team, which flew back to New York overnight after defeating Los Angeles in Game 5 of their NL Division Series on Thursday. The Mets host the Chicago Cubs Saturday night in Game 1 of the NL Championship Series.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1960 — The National League formally awards franchises to the New York Metropolitan Baseball Club Inc. headed by Joan Payson and a Houston, Texas, group headed by Judge Roy Hofheinz, Craig Cullinan and R.E. Smith.

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TigerScots stiff-arm Knights



Xander Bailey (8), of Weston-McEwen, fends off Irrigon's Omar Vera during Friday's Columbia Basin Conference game in Athena.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Rush attack powers Weston-McEwen to big CBC win

By **ERIC SINGER**
East Oregonian

Leading up to the homecoming game with Irrigon on Friday, Weston-McEwen head coach T.J. Bailey made a wager with his team.

If the TigerScots could hold Irrigon — a team that had averaged 40.8 points per game — to 14 points or less, Bailey would let the team shave his head.

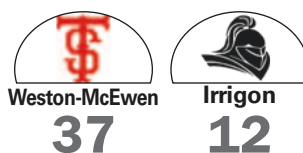
When the game was played and the final horn sounded on Weston-McEwen's 37-12 win on

Friday, Bailey both smiled and hung his head, realizing what he would have to do next.

"I thought it was a pretty safe bet when I made it," Bailey said following the win. "But fortunately and unfortunately we held them to 12 points so I had to fulfill my part and go get shaved."

After the dust from the game had settled and the post-game speeches were spoken, the TigerScots circled

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Bailey at midfield following the game and took turns trimming off Bailey's hair one streak at a time.

The reason behind the wager though, as Bailey wanted to drum up some extra motivation for his players in what was a pretty crucial game for the TigerScots heading down the stretch.

"We came out here knowing that it was a do-or-die situation," said

Weston-McEwen fullback Vince Roff. "If we won we still have shot at the playoffs and if we lose we're done so we had the mentality that we absolutely had to win."

Roth and running back Ethan Reger were a driving force for the TigerScots (5-2, 2-1 CBC) victory, using their speed and physicality to run around and run through Irrigon defenders all game long. Reger led the TigerScots with 162 yards rushing on 14 carries, while Roff

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STANFIELD

Heppner stays undefeated with blowout

Clark throws 4 TDs, Mustangs block two punts

By **SAM BARBEE**
Staff Writer

The blink of an eye was all it took. One second Stanfield was a thorn in Heppner's side, and in the next Heppner had pulled out that thorn and flicked it away harmlessly.

Patrick Collins fell on a blocked punt in the end zone soon after Stanfield's first touchdown, and the Mustangs never looked back, spoiling the Tigers' homecoming night with a 60-6 thrashing of the Stanfield Tigers Friday night in Stanfield.

"I'm very pleased, because I think Stanfield is a solid team with some real good athletes," Heppner coach Greg Grant said. "They played hard. They had us on our heels. They were coming downhill at us and they were getting after it like I thought they might. My kids had to adapt, they haven't seen that level of physicality."

"We felt like we had something to

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prove," Heppner quarterback Kaden Clark said. "We felt like we had to come out and play hard and send a statement to the league."

The win partially solidifies the top portion of the 2A Columbia Basin Conference. Heppner (7-0, 3-0) remains undefeated and is the last CBC team to be without a loss.

With Irrigon's loss to Weston-McEwen, Stanfield (6-1, 2-1) sits in a comfortable second position behind the Mustangs.

Stanfield coach Davy Salas said that's still a good place to be.

"We're 6-1. We've put ourselves in a good position," he said. "It's one game."

Though the final score has Heppner and Stanfield separated by 54 points, the gap between these two teams is not that large. Grant said Stanfield, with their power run

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Heppner's Logan Grieb goes for the catch defender by Stanfield's Justin Keeney in the Mustangs' 60-6 win against the Tigers on Friday in Stanfield.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

PENDLETON

Buckaroos fall on the road

Eagles take advantage of miscues for win

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THE DALLES — The Buckaroos found themselves on the wrong side of some big plays and couldn't overcome the opposing momentum in a 42-21 loss at Hood River to open Columbia River Conference play on Friday.

In particular, coach Erik Davis was left wondering what might have been had he not gotten conservative at the end of the first half.

Trailing 21-14 with just a couple seconds left before halftime, Davis elected to go for a field goal with the ball inside the Eagles 10-yard line.

The kick attempt went wide, and Pendleton took

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HERMISTON

Bulldogs pull away for win

Brown scores three times in second quarter

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THE DALLES — The Riverhawks came out fighting, but the Bulldogs quieted the home crowd with a big second quarter and finished Friday's Columbia River Conference opener with a running clock.

Hermiston scored 35 points in the deciding frame and left The Dalles with a 56-10 win.

The Bulldogs (2-5, 1-0 CRC) got on the scoreboard first when Tucker Salinas caught a pass for 53 yards and a touchdown from DJ Gossett on the first play of Hermiston's second drive.

The Dalles (1-5, 0-1) seized on a Hermiston mistake to tie it up, though, and when Gossett and Bob Coleman

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