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Mariners hire Scott Servais as manager

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners have hired former major league catcher Scott Servais as their manager.



New Mariners general manager Jerry Dipoto made the announcement Friday. Servais replaces Lloyd McClendon, who was let go earlier this month.

The 48-year-old doesn't have any managerial experience. He worked the past five seasons as an assistant general manager for the Los Angeles Angels, alongside Dipoto for most of that time. Dipoto resigned as the Angels' GM on July 1.

Not only did Dipoto and Servais work together with the Angels, they were teammates for one season in Colorado in 2000.

The Mariners finished 76-86 this year.

Earnhardt needs big run to continue championship hopes

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. has struggled in the second round of NASCAR's playoffs and needs a good run at Talladega

FACES Superspeedway to avoid elimination in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Luckily for Earnhardt, he's pretty good at Talladega.

The No. 88 Chevrolet that Earnhardt will race Sunday won a qualifying race at Daytona in February, won here in May, then won at Daytona again in July. A fourth win in the car will automatically move him into the third round of the Chase.

"It's real intense, there's no denying the intensity and the pressure it puts on drivers like myself to be in a cutoff situation where you're eliminated if things don't go perfectly on Sunday," Earnhardt said Friday.

"When they decided to replay it, I just sat down and said, 'If they overturn this, I'm never going to forgive myself.'"

— **Caleb Humphreys**

Kansas City Royals fan caught a home run ball from Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas in the second inning of Game 6 of the ALCS. The play was reviewed because there was a question of whether Humphreys reached over the fence into the field of play to catch the ball. The play stood as a home run following the review as the Royals went on to beat the Blue Jays 4-3 to advance to the World Series.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1992 — The Toronto Blue Jays take baseball's championship outside the United States for the first time, beating the Atlanta Braves 4-3 in 11 innings in Game 6 of the World Series.

2004 — The New England Patriots extend their NFL victory streak to 21 games with a 13-7 win over the AFC East rival New York Jets. The Patriots also set the regular-season mark of 18 straight wins, surpassing the 17 won by the 1933-34 Chicago Bears.

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PENDLETON

Pendleton blows out Riverhawks

Bucks dominate on way to blowout

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Bucks defense has been the Achilles' heel for the team for most of the season.

But on Friday night, the defense finally gave the Bucks a stand-out performance as Pendleton pulled out a 49-20 victory over The Dalles.

The Pendleton (3-5,

1-1 CRC) defensive front controlled the line of scrimmage for most of the game, racking up eight sacks and holding the Riverhawks to -23 yards on the ground.

"I thought they flew around so much better than they had the last few weeks," said Pendleton coach Erik Davis following the win. "I thought the defensive front did a good job, and anytime you can put pressure on the quarterback usually good things can happen."

However, the defensive backs did their part as well as cornerbacks Nick Lani

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Pendleton 49
The Dalles 24

and Trevor Sweet each had an interception in the game. Lani's pick came at the 5:30 mark of the first quarter, stopping The Dalles' drive deep into Pendleton territory.

It gave the Bucks offense their first possession of the game in some unfavorable field position,

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Pendleton's Nick Lani attempts to break free from The Dalles' Devin Wilson in the Bucks' win against the Riverhawks on Friday in Pendleton.

HERMISTON

Hermiston holds off Hood River



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Hermiston's Jerry Ramirez (33) crosses into the end zone in the second quarter of Friday's game against Hood River at Kennison Field.

Vaeumu Ena's game-clinching interception puts Bulldogs in great spot

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Five games into Hermiston's football schedule, the season appeared lost.

The Bulldogs had lost those first five games by an average of about 30 points. But the Bulldogs have turned things around after Friday's

36-28 win over the Hood River Valley Eagles. With the win, Hermiston moves to 2-0 in the Columbia River Conference, setting up a possible winner-take-all meeting with Pendleton next week at the Round-up Grounds.

Hermiston 36

Hood River 28

"We had to have a present offense," Hermiston senior Bob Coleman said.

Entering the ballgame, Hermiston knew it would have to account for dual-threat quarterback Dallas Buckley. The 6-foot-2 171-pound quarter-

back did everything for the Eagles, passing for more than 300 yards and three touchdowns and also running in a score.

But he threw three interceptions, one on an inside shovel pass that DJ Gossett claimed and returned 34 yards for a touchdown, and another on HRV's last drive of the game

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PENDLETON

Cardenas pulls away in friendly rivalry

Weston-McEwen's Hayden Scott trails behind Umatilla's Fabian Cardenas during the small school district meet Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Umatilla senior defends district title, Weston-McEwen's Scott second

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Weston-McEwen junior Hayden Scott remembers a time when he used to finish ahead of Umatilla senior Fabian Cardenas on the cross country course.

"At the end of (my freshman) year we took a team down to San Antonio for the Junior Olympics and I was a little bit better than him during that time," he said.

But that was then, and Cardenas has pulled away from his close friend and one-time teammate as their promising careers have progressed. He did it again Friday at the District 5 Championships at Pendleton's Community Park to win his second straight

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OUR VIEW

OSAA too restrictive with small schools

Cross country runners are a little crazy — and I mean that in a completely complimentary way.

In no other sport have I ever seen a young athlete push him or herself to the limits I see every year at cross country meets.

I've never seen a basketball player collapse in a heap at the final buzzer, or watched a baseball player dry heave from uncontrollable muscle spasms, or witnessed a football player sprint for the end zone with muscles burning so hotly as to pull tears from their ducts.

To be fair to those athletes, their sports don't require that of them. But cross country does — and not just for the winners.

More often than not, it's the runners just outside or even nowhere near the

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