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Griffey among Hall of Fame ballot newcomers

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. and Trevor Hoffman are among 15 newcomers on this year's Hall of Fame ballot and will face a newly trimmed electorate along with steroid-tainted holdovers Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.



David Eckstein, Troy Glaus, Mike Hampton, Mike Lowell and Billy Wagner also are among the players eligible for the first time on the 32-man ballot announced Monday. A vote of at least 75 percent from the BBWAA is needed for election. Results will be announced Jan. 6.

Alan Trammell (25.1) and McGwire (10.0) are in their final year of eligibility. Sosa (6.6) is in danger of falling below the 5 percent threshold needed to stay on the ballot.

NBA star files lawsuit against former advisor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs star Tim Duncan has filed another lawsuit against a former financial adviser he contends has cost him millions of dollars in lost investments.

The lawsuit filed last week claims Charles Banks of Atlanta urged Duncan to invest \$1.1 million in a cosmetics company that Banks said was profitable when it was actually about to become bankrupt.

The San Antonio Express-News reports (<http://bit.ly/1SbSD1v>) Duncan wants his investment returned to him and is pursuing punitive damages against Banks. Banks previously has denied the allegations.

The NBA star filed an initial lawsuit in January that contends a series of investments enriched Banks but ultimately caused Duncan more than \$25 million.

"He bounced back. He's got a great spirit. He couldn't wait to get back to his teammates and get back with us."

— Pete Carroll

Seattle Seahawks head coach discussing his injured wide receiver Ricardo Lockette following Monday's practice. Lockette finally returned to Seattle on Monday after being released from a Dallas hospital following neck surgery last week. Lockette suffered ligament damage and a disc injury in his neck following a hit from a Dallas Cowboys player during last Sunday's game. Lockette is expected to miss the remainder of the 2015 season.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1963 — Detroit's Gordie Howe becomes the leading career goal scorer in the NHL with his 545th in a victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

2007 — Navy and North Texas set a major-college record by combining for 136 points in the Midshipmen's 74-62 win. The previous record was 133 points in San Jose State's 70-63 win over Rice on Oct. 2, 2004.

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HERMISTON

Bulldogs' season ends in heartbreaker



Hermiston's Ayden Prewitt (8) and Bernardo Araujo (4) challenge Woodburn's Francisco Martinez (10) for a loose ball during Woodburn's 2-1 quarterfinal win on penalty kicks Saturday in Hermiston.

Hermiston equalizes late, fall short in penalty kicks

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

An entire season came down to one kick, and it bounced away harmlessly.

The No. 4 Hermiston Bulldogs played the No. 5 Woodburn Bulldogs to a 1-1 draw through 100 minutes of play Saturday at Kennison Stadium, but the blue-clad Bulldogs advanced to the semi-finals with a 2-1 win on penalty kicks in the quarterfinal round. With one shot left and Hermiston needing to make it, Woodburn keeper Jesse Lopez saved Edwin Rosales' shot to propel Woodburn forward. The



Bulldogs will play either Springfield or Wilsonville on Tuesday.

"I would've liked to have seen us pressure the goal a little more, impose ourselves a little more," head coach Rich Harshberger said. "It was back and forth, but that's the one thing I wish we would've done more: pressure the keeper."

The match was played to a scoreless draw through the first 40 minutes, though Woodburn had a slight advantage. Woodburn, which had won eight of nine entering Saturday's bout,

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HEPPNER

Mustangs trample Dragons

Clark, Putman lead Mustangs into the quarterfinals

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

HEPPNER — On Thursday, Heppner Mustangs coach Greg Grant said that the keys for his team to win its playoff game was to have fewer penalties and win the turnover battle.

On Saturday afternoon, Heppner did just that — and so much more.

The No. 2 seed Mustangs forced four turnovers and dominated every facet of the game as they pummeled the No. 15 seed Monroe Vikings in the first round of the OSAA state playoff game 55-14 at Les Payne Field.

"We came out and set the tone early," said Heppner senior lineman Patrick Collins. "We knew what (Monroe) was going to run, we capitalized on their mistakes, started fast and just never looked back."

The game was long over at halftime, as Heppner (10-0) held a 49-0 lead. The deficit kicked in a running clock for the entire second half which limited each team to just three possessions in the half.

In the first half, Heppner gained 276 yards on 31 offensive plays and seven touchdowns, while its

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Mustangs' Weston Putman (20) goes in for a touchdown Saturday during the state playoff game with the Monroe Dragons in Heppner. The Mustangs won the game 55-14 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

College Football

Ducks still seeking improvement

By RYAN THORBURN
The Register-Guard

EUGENE — The Ducks aren't going to start Stanford week off with too many pats on the back from Mark Helfrich.

Oregon's third-year coach is pleased with the direction the team is headed after extending its winning streak to three games with a 44-28 victory over California on Saturday at Autzen Stadium.

But the school record 777 yards of total offense should have added up to a lot more points.

Vernon Adams Jr. threw two interceptions in the end zone, and the Ducks settled for three Aidan Schneider field goals.

The defense communicated and played much better, limiting the "Bear Raid" offense to a relatively tame 432 yards on 66 plays (6.5 per). Helfrich pointed out that Oregon gave Jared Goff a fresh set of downs with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on third-and-25.

Helfrich did not hand out a special teams player of the week award. Ian Wheeler had two punts blocked, and the

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Prep Roundup

Local netters struggle in playoffs

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REDMOND — Saturday was a tough day for the area's prep volleyball teams, as the Weston-McEwen TigerScots and Ione Cardinals both saw their seasons come to an end in the consolation brackets of their respective class playoffs.

In Class 2A, the No. 10 seed Weston-McEwen TigerScots lost to the No. 6 seed Bonanza 3-0, losing with scores of 25-21, 25-22, and 25-13.

No other details were reported. The loss ended the TigerScots successful season with a 22-11 overall record.

And in Class 1A, the No. 7 seed Ione Cardinals fell to the No. 6 seed Crane by a score of 3-0 as well. The Cardinals played the first two sets tough, losing 25-20 and 25-18 before Crane breezed to a third set victory 25-8 to seal the victory.

No other details were reported. Ione ended its first season under coach Brandi Orem with a 21-8 overall record

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Oregon wide receiver Charles Nelson, top, celebrates after a touchdown with teammates during the second half of an NCAA college football game against California, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, in Eugene, Ore.

AP Photo/Ryan Kang