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## Sports shorts

### Pitt-Gonzaga game canceled at half

CAMP FOSTER, Japan (AP) — Pittsburgh and Gonzaga made a long trip to Japan to play a college basketball game. It must have seemed a lot longer when they only got to play 20 minutes.



The Armed Forces Classic between No. 9 Gonzaga and the Panthers was canceled at halftime because of slippery conditions on the court at Foster Field House on Okinawa. Japan Standard Time is 14 hours ahead of the Eastern Time zone, meaning the game was played on Saturday morning in Japan. Pittsburgh was leading 37-35 at halftime and the second half never got started.

### Red Sox trade for All-Star closer

BOSTON (AP) — New Boston Red Sox boss Dave Dombrowski on Friday night made his first big move

to rebuild the franchise after its third last-place finish in four years, acquiring four-time All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel from the San Diego Padres for four prospects.

Kimbrel, who saved 39 games for the Padres last year, spent the first five years of his career with the Atlanta Braves before they traded him to San Diego on the eve of the 2015 regular season. The Red Sox assumed \$25 million remaining on Kimbrel's contract but have him under control for three more seasons.

"Moving to the American league, I'm excited," Kimbrel said in a conference call with reporters. "It's a league that has the big bats. And being a pitcher, you want a challenge of facing the big bats."

"We preferred to stay on the field, that's where we felt safest. We had difficulty understanding the explanations inside the stadium."

### — Frederic Lavergne

French soccer fan at a match between France and Germany at the Stade de France. Nearby explosions and emergency sirens could be heard inside the stadium during the match, which France won 2-0. Fans poured onto the field after the final whistle and wouldn't leave until two announcements assured them it was safe.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1943** — Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears becomes the first pro to pass for more than 400 yards. He throws for 433 and seven touchdowns in a 56-7 victory over the New York Giants.

**1964** — Gus Johnson and Walt Bellamy become the first NBA teammates to score 40 points apiece, leading the Baltimore Bullets past the Los Angeles Lakers 127-115. Johnson has 41 points, Bellamy 40.

**1993** — Don Shula breaks George Halas' career record for victories with No. 325 when the Miami Dolphins defeat Philadelphia 19-14.

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## STANFIELD

# Tigers advance to state semifinals

## Stanfield beats Central Linn in OT after trailing at half

By SAM BARBEE  
East Oregonian

Central Linn quarterback had just scored a touchdown in overtime. The No. 9 Stanfield Tigers led

27-26 on the road in the 2A football quarterfinals in Halsey, and it seemed apparent what would happen and who would get the ball.

The what was Central Linn going for two points and the win. The who was 270-pound Alex Pettner getting the carry. The burly back had fumbled



earlier in the game and hadn't been a huge focal point of the offense since. Still, first-year coach Davy Salas had an inkling who would get the deciding carry. "I just told my guys, 'We're getting good reads, we just aren't wrapping,'" Salas said. "When you get a good read, make you make

that tackle." Stanfield got a good read and wrapped. Pettner was stood up at the line, clinching Stanfield's 27-26 quarterfinal win. It's the first time the Tigers have appeared in the football semifinals since the 1957 squad, which won the Class B title. "I didn't really talk about making history," Salas said. "I just told me

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## PENDLETON

# Craving contact



Kristina Hardy, 16, runs a passing drill during passing clinic with the Pendleton Sasquatch Rugby club Wednesday in Pendleton.

## New rugby team gives girls physical outlet

By MATT ENTRUP  
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Pendleton High School junior Abby Rinehart wasn't sure at first if what she was seeing was correct.

Fliers advertising a new girls' rugby team had just appeared in the hallways of her school, and for a brief moment the 17-year-old hesitated.

"It was weird to look at, I was like, 'Oh, a girls' rugby team?' Because there's no girls' football, you never see girls doing wrestling," she said. "I've been looking for more of a hardcore physical girls' sport."

Like many girls in the region, Rinehart wasn't satisfied with the sports offered for her gender, but didn't want to risk injury by trying to go up against the boys — or worse, get relegated to a no-contact position on the field.

In stepped Pendleton Sasquatch Rugby coach Eric Gabriel, who filled that void with the creation of the club's first all-girls side for the upcoming season.

Thirty girls showed up to the team's first meeting, and Gabriel, who also was responsible for founding the boys' team in 2008, said he

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Abby Rinehart, 17, passes the ball from her knees during a drill at the Pendleton Sasquatch Rugby club passing clinic Wednesday in Pendleton.

## HEPPNER

# Seniors eager for last stand

## Eight Mustangs play their final home game today

By MATT ENTRUP  
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HEPPNER — Eight Heppner seniors will play their final football game at the Morrow County Fairgrounds stadium today against Reedsport in the 2A state quarterfinals.

The semifinals move to neutral sites, so win or lose, these eight players know this is the end of a unique experience in Oregon athletics.

"These seniors, this is their eighth home playoff game in four years. That's pretty cool," said Heppner coach Greg Grant, who has led the Mustangs to the playoffs in 24 of his 26 seasons. "To have hosted eight playoff games at home, there's not that many kids that have had that opportunity."

In fact, no team in Class 2A has come close.

Kennedy and Gold Beach are second in home playoff games over the last four seasons with five, and you have to look all the way to Class 6A and its 32-team bracket to find another team that has hosted at least two playoff games a year since 2012. Sheldon and Jesuit both accomplished it.

"This is going to be my last game at this field so it's huge," said senior C.J. Kindle, who leads the team with 1,800 all-purpose yards and 24 touchdowns. "I think

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## NBA

# Randolph's putback sends Grizzlies past Portland

By CLAY BAILEY  
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph's put-back basket with less than a second left and a season-high 31 points led the Memphis Grizzlies to a 101-100 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Friday night.

Portland had a final shot with 0.6 of a second left, but Al-Farouq Aminu's 17-footer was short and the Grizzlies snapped a four-game losing streak.

The Trail Blazers lost their fourth straight and haven't won since a 115-96 victory over Memphis on Nov. 5.

Randolph's winning basket gave him 15 points for the game. Jeff Green scored 14, while Mike Conley and newcomer Mario Chalmers added 11 points apiece.

C.J. McCollum led Portland with 26 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Aminu had 16 and Allen



Portland Trail Blazers forward Al-Farouq Aminu lies on the court in the second half of an NBA game against the Memphis Grizzlies, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, in Memphis, Tenn. The Grizzlies won 101-100.

Crabbe finished with 12, converting all five of his shots from the field.

Portland had erased an 11-point Memphis lead in the final 4:03.

Damian Lillard finished with 11 points for Portland, connecting on 5 of 15 shots in the game. The Portland backcourt of Lillard and McCollum were a combined 12 of

29. They entered the game averaging 47.7 points this season.

Aminu's 3-pointer from the left sideline with 12.5 seconds left gave Portland a 100-99 lead, setting the stage for Randolph's winner.

But it took several attempts. Courtney Lee missed a shot in the corner with time running out,

Jeff Green's tip attempt missed and Randolph grabbed the rebound. But Crabbe blocked his shot.

Randolph got it back for the winner and saved the Grizzlies from blowing an 11-point, fourth-quarter lead.

Memphis led 92-81 with about 4 minutes left when the Trail Blazers went on a 16-5 run fueled by eight points from McCollum. Aminu converted a pair of free throws to tie the game at 97 with 36.3 left.

Green answered with a layup, but Aminu's 3-pointer with 12.5 seconds left gave Portland a 100-99 lead.

In the third quarter, Memphis ran its lead to double digits with a 16-3 spurt to open the second half, capped by Gasol's 3-pointer for a 69-55 advantage.

TIP-INS: Trail Blazers: Portland was without F Meyers Leonard, who injured his left shoulder against the Spurs Wednesday. ... Portland has lost eight straight in Memphis, counting regular-season and playoff games. ... Lillard's 11 points marked the first time this season he hasn't reached 20. ... Outrebounced Memphis 43-35, marking the first time this season the Trail Blazers have lost while winning the battle of the boards.