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Milwaukee swats Trail Blazers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Greg Monroe's layup put Milwaukee ahead with seconds left and John Henson swatted away Meyers Leonard's potential game-winning shot to help the Bucks edge the Portland Trail Blazers 90-88 on Monday night.



O.J. Mayo hit a 3-pointer that cut Portland's lead to 88-87. After a Trail Blazers timeout, Michael Carter-Williams tied up CJ McCollum as both fell to the floor in a scramble on the inbounds play.

Carter-Williams won the jump ball and the Bucks worked it down low to Monroe. He muscled his way in for a layup and the Bucks' first lead since early in the fourth quarter.

Portland had one last chance, but Henson deflected Leonard's in-close shot to preserve the win.

Brooks leads Ducks past Navy

HONOLULU (AP) — Dillon Brooks scored 19 points to lead four Oregon players in double figures and the 24th-ranked Ducks beat Navy 67-47 on Monday night in the Pearl Harbor Invitational.

FACES

Brooks, who finished 7 of 14 from the field, had 13 points by halftime.

Dwayne Benjamin scored 16 points, Chris Boucher had a double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds and Casey Benson added 10 points for the Ducks (7-1).

Oregon shot 47 percent from the field and was 13 of 16 from the free throw line. It got 20 points off 18 Navy turnovers.

Will Kelly had 13 points and eight rebounds and Jace Hogan added 10 points for the Midshipmen (7-3), who saw their seven-game winning streak snapped.

Navy, whose bench outscored Oregon's 22-0, never led in the game.

"Wade is a proven major league starter who brings a level of stability to the middle of our rotation."

— **Jerry Dipoto**
Mariners General Manager on newly acquired LHP Wade Miley, 29. The Mariners traded for Miley with the Boston Red Sox, giving up reliever Carson Smith and starter Roenis Elias. Seattle also received reliever Jonathan Aro. Miley was 11-11 with a 4.46 ERA in 32 starts last season.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1940 — The Chicago Bears beat Washington 73-0 for the most one-sided victory in NFL Championship play.

1961 — Philadelphia's Wilt Chamberlain scores 78 points and grabs 43 rebounds in a 151-147 triple overtime loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. Elgin Baylor leads the Lakers with 63 points.

1987 — Ron Hextall of the Philadelphia Flyers becomes the first NHL goaltender to shoot a puck into the opposing goal in a 5-2 victory over the Boston Bruins.

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OSAA juggles classifications

Hermiston, Pendleton reunite with IMC members for football special district, Irrigon moving up to 3A

By **SAM BARBEE**
East Oregonian

The Hermiston Bulldogs and Pendleton Buckaroos will return to the Intermountain Conference, at least for two seasons.

In an announcement made by the OSAA on Monday, The Dalles was granted independent status in foot-

ball for the next two seasons, causing a serious shakeup in eastern Oregon prep athletics. With The Dalles leaving the four-team Columbia River Conference, it leaves just three teams in the CRC, and the OSAA made the logical move in combining the IMC and CRC into a special district for the next two seasons. The move will be for football only.

In other OSAA news, the 3A Eastern Oregon League gained two teams when Irrigon and Burns moved up from 2A. Starting for the 2016-17 seasons, the EOL will be comprised of Vale, Nyssa, Umatilla, Riverside, Irrigon and Burns. That leaves the 2A Columbia Basin Conference with Stanfield, Heppner, Pilot Rock, Culver and Weston-McEwen.

MISSION

Golden Eagles soar on new court

Nixyaawii routs Sherman

East Oregonian

MISSION — The Nixyaawii basketball teams broke in their new court with a pair of blowout victories over Sherman on Monday.

The girls had first honors and wasted no time in putting Sherman down big en route to a 62-6 victory for the first win on the recently completed hardwood. The boys followed with a 79-48 thumping of the Huskies on the strength of a big second half.

The Golden Eagles scored 54 points after intermission, with 30 coming in the fourth quarter to pull away from the Huskies.

Coach Shane Rivera said there were no major changes to the game plan after taking a 25-18 lead into the locker room.

"We just did a better job
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Nixyaawii's Hunter McKay takes the ball to the hoop surrounded by Sherman defenders in the Golden Eagles' game against the Huskies on Monday in Mission. It was the first home game of the season for Nixyaawii since the completion of its new court.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Portland Timbers forward Lucas Melano, left, of Argentina, and forward Fanendo Adi, of Nigeria, raise the trophy after defeating the Columbus Crew 2-1 in the MLS Cup championship soccer game Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio.

AP Photo/Jay LaPrete



Timbers win MLS Cup

Controversial goal provides difference

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Diego Valeri scored at the 27-second mark for the fastest goal in MLS Cup history and the Portland Timbers won the league title for the first time, beating the Columbus Crew 2-1 on Sunday.

Rodney Wallace made it 2-0 in the seventh minute, and the Crew's Kei Kamara scored in the 18th off a scramble in front of the goal.

But the early deficit was too much for Columbus to overcome.

Just after the opening whistle, Columbus midfielder Wil Trapp sent a back pass to goalkeeper Steve Clark, who tried to move the



ball from his right foot to the left for a clearance. But Clark didn't see Valeri closing and the midfielder poked the ball away from him and into the goal.

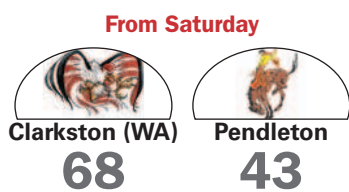
The Crew had barely recovered when a mental gaffe gave Portland a controversial second goal.

Crew midfielder Tony Tchani and several teammates stopped playing when the ball rolled several feet over the right boundary. Instead of a stoppage for a throw-in, Portland's Darlington Nagbe kept going with the ball and sent a pass wide to Lucas Melano, who found Wallace for the header.

PENDLETON

Bantams sink Bucks in Red Lion final

Clarkston takes control in third quarter to hand Pendleton first loss



By **MATT ENTRUP**
East Oregonian

After taking over the Pendleton boys basketball program in late summer, first-time head coach Kyle Tedder was already preparing himself for the ups and downs that were sure to occur early this season.

Coming off the high of a season-opening win against Sandpoint (ID) on Friday, the Buckaroos were feeling pretty low following Saturday's second-half collapse against Clarkston (WA) in the Red Lion Classic championship at Warberg Court.

The two-time defending 2A Washington state champion Bantams used a 10-0 burst

midway through the third quarter to pull away, and the foul-hampered Bucks trailed by double digits the rest of the way en route to a 68-43 loss.

Pendleton junior Caden Smith picked up his fourth foul with 5:36 left in the third quarter, and Pendleton's offense sputtered without its go-to scorer, who finished with a team-high 15 points. Junior post John Stuvland also was benched with four fouls shortly after Smith.

"They're a great team. They've got a lot of experienced guys and they're well coached," Tedder said of Clarkston. "They came out and pressured us and they knew we would be on our

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James Bradt (24), of Pendleton, goes up for a shot despite pressure from a trio of Clarkston players Saturday at the Red Lion Classic Basketball Tournament.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney