

Sports shorts

Team effort leads Blazers to victory

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Damian Lillard led all scorers with 30 points in a 105-101 victory over New Orleans on Monday night, but called it a group effort.



He credited CJ McCollum, who finished with 16 points, for being Portland's energy down the stretch in its seventh straight win over the Pelicans.

"I think for me and him, that's something that we got to do a lot of this year, make guys better and put guys in a position to be successful," Lillard said.

Gerald Henderson added 19 points off the bench for the Blazers, matching his career high with four 3-pointers and Mason Plumlee also contributed, recording his eighth double-double of the season with 15 points and 13 rebounds. He leads the Blazers in double-doubles.

Rose won't be reinstated to MLB

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Rose's application for reinstatement to baseball was rejected Monday by Commissioner Rob

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Rose Manfred, who concluded the career hits leader continued to gamble even while trying to end his lifetime ban and would be a risk to the sport's integrity if allowed back in the game.

Rose agreed to the ban in August 1989 after an investigation for Major League Baseball by lawyer John Dowd found Rose placed numerous bets on the Cincinnati Reds to win from 1985-87 while playing for and managing the team.

In one of his first major actions, Manfred said in a four-page decision the career hits leader admitted he has kept on betting legally on horse racing and professional sports, including

"To have this opportunity again to be able to close games out and help this team win some ball games is mind-blowing to me. I'm just excited to get this thing started."

— Steve Cishek

Recently signed Seattle Mariners relief pitcher, who is expected to serve as the team's closer in the upcoming season. Cishek and the club finalized a two-year, \$10 million contract on Monday. Cishek, 29, lost his role as closer for Miami before being traded to St. Louis last season. The sidearm slinger had 34 saves in 2013 and 38 in 2014.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1973 — Tennessee beats Temple 11-6 in the lowest scoring NCAA basketball game since 1938. With 11:44 left in the first half and Tennessee leading 7-5, Temple holds the ball without a shot. Tennessee doesn't take a shot in the second half, but manages four free throws by John Snow.

1995 — The Vancouver Grizzlies avoid tying the NBA record for consecutive losses in a season, ending a 19-game losing streak with a 104-100 overtime victory over Portland.

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STANFIELD

Tigers split with Golden Eagles

Stanfield's Brody Woods shoots the ball over Nixyaawii's Ira Ashley in the Tigers' 75-65 win against the Golden Eagles on Monday in Stanfield.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Stanfield boys, Nixyaawii girls win

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

The Stanfield Tigers withstood a hard-charging Nixyaawii Golden Eagles team to pull off a 75-65 win in their inter-division boys basketball game on Monday.

The win earned a split on the night for the Tigers, which had just seen their girls fall to the Eagles 52-30.

Nixyaawii's zone defense and athletic backcourt forced nine first-half turnovers by the Tigers and turned them into 12 points, staying close despite the poor shooting (33 percent). But a 14-2 Tigers run to start the second half gave Stanfield all the cushion it would need, and it withstood a desperate fourth quarter by the Golden Eagles to hold on and hand Nixyaawii its first loss of the young season.

"Obviously they hit some shots, and we didn't stick with the game plan," Golden Eagles coach Shane Rivera said. "They were the better team tonight for sure."

Stanfield (4-1) was looking to rebound after a poor-shooting performance Saturday accounted for the only blemish on their record, and shot 51 percent (25-49) from the field as a team and 53 percent (8-15) from deep. Juniors Dylan Grogan and Thyler Monkus did most of the damage — Grogan inside and Monkus from range.

Grogan finished with 22 points, with 15 in the deciding third quarter. Monkus rained shots from the perimeter,

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Pro Rodeo

Oregon cowboy wins first title

Steven Peebles tops bareback field at NFR

By KEITH FREEMAN
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Steven Peebles finished in a three-way tie for first place in the 10th round of the National Finals Rodeo on Saturday night, winning the world championship and aggregate standings title.

The Redmond, Oregon, rider ended Kaycee Feild's streak of four straight world championships, scoring an 83.5 on Good Time Charlie. Peebles, who entered the NFR in 14th place, won five of the 10 rounds and took the aggregate title with 832.5 points over the 10 rides.



Peebles

Winning the aggregate gave Peebles a \$67,269 bonus and allowed him to finish with \$314,140 and claim his first gold buckle. Peebles also broke Feild's 2011

NFR earnings record of \$179,327, as he finished first among all NFR competitors with \$224,055.

"I fought through a lot of injuries and a lot of pain this year, so to be standing here right now as the world champion has me speechless," Peebles said. "There were times this season after my accident (in May)

that I couldn't breathe because there was no air in my lungs, but I just kept moving forward and wanted the gold buckle more than everything.

"This entire NFR has been crazy and it's been up and down. One night I had a good chance to win it, then the next I didn't. Tonight, I just tried to mark the horse out and let him go and make it look as good as I could. This whole thing is so cool."

Feild, of Spanish Fork, Utah, finished with \$303,617. He did not place among the top six with a 77 on Times Uo. He ended up third in the aggregate with 792.5 points over 10 rides.

Tim O'Connell of Zwingle, Iowa, on Top Flight, and Tanner Aus of Granite Falls, Minnesota, on Much Dinero, tied Peebles for first in the final round.

ARLINGTON

Cougars edge Honkers

East Oregonian

ARLINGTON — The Echo Cougars got hot at the right time and shot 71.4 percent from the field in the fourth quarter to win their first game of the season on Monday in boys' basketball non-league action.

Echo held on for a 49-44 victory over Arlington with Michael Thompson leading the way.

Thompson scored 18
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HERMISTON

Post Falls edges Hermiston on consecutive pins

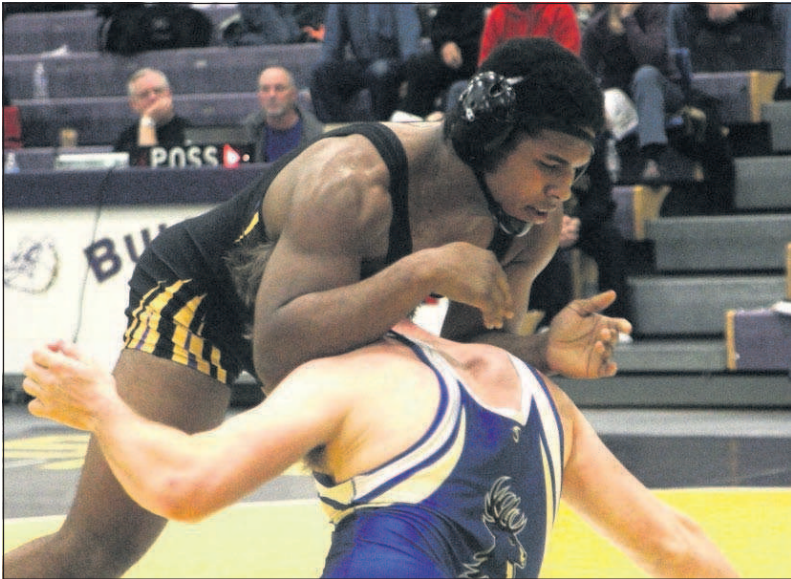
Bulldogs go 2-1 at 4-way dual

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

Sandwiched by two largely uneventful duals, the Hermiston Bulldogs found themselves in a fight with the Post Falls Trojans and came up just a hair short on Saturday at The Dawghouse.

After easily dispatching the Caldwell Cougars 45-15, Hermiston found itself down 19-3 after five of the first six matches went the Trojans' way. But Hermiston responded in the higher weights, recording six straight wins and three by fall. All 285-pound sophomore Beau Blake had to do was not get pinned and Hermiston, up 30-19 at the time, would wrap up the come-from-behind victory.

Blake scored a two-point take down in the third period to go up 3-1, but two escapes by his opponent, senior Kameron Welker, sent the match to overtime, where he took down Blake then pinned him



Staff photo by Sam Barbree

Hermiston senior Sam Colbray (top) controls the head of Deer Park senior Trevor Eicher during a 4-way dual meet Saturday at Hermiston High School. The two-time Idaho state champ Eicher beat the three-time Oregon state champ Colbray by decision in double overtime.

with one second left.

That put it to 106-pounder Daylon Eng to try the same, and he was pinned much sooner, giving Post Falls a come-from-behind dual

victory at 31-30.

"I kinda feel like it was our Kuna dual from last year," Bob Coleman said, referencing a meet against a tough Idaho school that left Herm-

iston with a win. "You could definitely see that their team was just better ... We had good guys lose, we had bad guys lose, but it was little things, like one points away from a major decision and not getting it or one point for a stalling call so it would go into bigger points."

Down 19-3, Hermiston showed why it's probably Oregon's best wrestling program.

Valen Wyse, who went 3-0 on the day, started the comeback with a 6-3 decision over Alius DeLaRosa, followed by a 3-2 decision by sophomore Joey Gutierrez over Colten Kazmierczak and Brock McDonough topping Kaleb Ferris 11-4 at 170 pounds.

Then the pins started. Coleman quickly stuck Kellen Dyer, John Henry Line pinned Brad Noesen in the second round, the Sam Colbray easily defeated Isaac Shaddock to put Hermiston up 30-19 after being down 19-3. It was a huge swing for Hermiston after the lower weights were totally dominated by Post Falls.

Former state champ Liam Tarvin

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