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## Sports shorts

### Mariners avoid arbitration with pair of signings

SEATTLE (AP) — The Mariners reached agreement on one-year contracts with pitchers Charlie Furbush and Evan Scribner on Friday, averting salary arbitration with both players.



The deals with Furbush and Scribner left Seattle with no more arbitration eligible players after the club reached agreement with outfielder Leonys Martin on a \$4.15 million deal for the 2016 season on Thursday. Furbush will make \$1.6 million and Scribner \$807,500 for the 2016 season.

When healthy, the left-handed Furbush has been a dependable option out of the Mariners bullpen. He made \$1.3 million last season.

Scribner, a right-hander, was 2-2 with a 4.35 ERA in a career-high 54 appearances for Oakland last season when he made \$512,500.

### Pittsburgh down one star for game at Denver

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Antonio Brown will miss the first playoff game of his career on Sunday when the Pittsburgh Steelers travel to Denver in the divisional round. The four-time Pro

Bowler and one of the league's most electric players is out with a concussion sustained in the final minute of last week's wild-card win

over Cincinnati. The injury deprives the Steelers of their MVP against the league's best defense, one he lit up for 189 yards and two touchdowns in a comeback victory a month ago.

"We've all leaned on him in the past, but it creates an opportunity for us," Markus Wheaton said Friday.

Pittsburgh hasn't had to play a game without Brown since a sprained ankle forced him to skip three games in 2012.

Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was listed as questionable with a sprained throwing shoulder.

"My apologies, my brother. I'm a man of my word. I apologize sincerely. Get well."

— Adam Jones  
Cincinnati Bengals cornerback in a video apology to Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown posted online after Brown was ruled out for Sunday's playoff game at Denver. Jones said he thought Brown was faking his concussion but would apologize for those comments if Brown was unable to play this week due to the injury.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1972 — The Dallas Cowboys dominate the Miami Dolphins, setting a Super Bowl record of 252 yards rushing en route to a 24-3 victory.

1993 — Michael Jordan scores 64 points, but Chicago is upended in overtime by visiting Orlando 128-124. The Magic are led by rookie center Shaquille O'Neal, who has 29 points and 24 rebounds.

2008 — Bob Knight becomes the first men's Division I coach with 900 wins when Texas Tech beats No. 10 Texas A&M 68-53.

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Hermiston sophomore Dayshawn Neal leans back for a fadeaway during the Bulldogs' 53-47 loss Friday night to the La Salle Prep Falcons.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee



## HERMISTON

# Comeback bid falls short

Hermiston boys fall to La Salle Prep

By SAM BARBEE  
East Oregonian

In their last home game, the Hermiston Bulldogs overcame a deficit to come away with a win in a nail-biter at home. Friday, it was the same story but a different result.

The La Salle Prep Falcons built a 14-point lead in the third quarter  
See HERMISTON/2B

## MISSION

# Golden Eagles put away Grizzlies

Nixyaawii stays unbeaten in Old Oregon League play

By ERIC SINGER  
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Sophomore guard Mary Stewart scored a game-high 29 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead her Nixyaawii Golden Eagles squad over the Helix Grizzlies 51-39 Friday evening.

The two teams came into the game tied atop the Old Oregon League standings, and knew the game would be the toughest yet. Nixyaawii coach Jeremy Maddern said the game played out exactly like they thought it would.

"We knew it would be a close game and come down to a few possessions at the end," he said. "Both teams came out and played really well ... and it felt like a playoff game to me."

Nixyaawii (14-1, 4-0 OOL) came out of the gates with aggression, deploying a full-court press on defense that forced seven Helix turnovers in the period. The turnovers led to some easy transition baskets for Nixyaawii, and a few open 3-pointers from Stewart to put the Golden Eagles up 21-8 at the end of the first.

However, the Golden Eagles offense started to slack over the middle two quarters as Helix's defense began to focus on Stewart and taking away inside lanes. Helix outscored Nixyaawii 9-8 in the quarter to take the halftime score to 29-17.

The momentum began to slide heavily in Helix's favor after halftime as the Grizzlies' defensive intensity picked up and forced seven Nixyaawii turnovers in the third quarter and eventually got the deficit to six points at 29-23.

Nixyaawii did not score in the third until the 2:50 mark, when Stewart sank a running floater from the left of the basket to get the lead back to eight. Less than a minute later, Stewart got a little more



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Nixyaawii's Mary Stewart (13) dribbles the ball downcourt as Macey Tullis (20), of Griswold, applies pressure during Friday's Old Oregon League game in Mission.

pressure off the Golden Eagles by hitting a deep 3-pointer to get the lead back to nine.

Helix (10-4, 3-1) coach Kirk Flerchinger said afterwards that he knew his team had to key on Stewart defensively, and he was happy with the effort despite the result.

"We knew who we needed to stop, and hands down to Nixyaawii for a good job of getting (Stewart) open," he said. "She's a great player and we just couldn't get to her a couple times and she made us pay."

Stewart nailed nine field goals

and made five of the Golden Eagles' six 3-pointers on the way to the win. She also was a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line.

Four of those free throws came with four minutes left and Nixyaawii holding a 41-35 lead after getting fouled on a shot attempt that was followed up with a technical foul on Flerchinger. Stewart got the cushion back to 10 points and sealed the win.

Offensively for Helix, Sadie Wilson and Paden Flerchinger led the attack with 11 points apiece.

Nixyaawii next hosts Pine Eagle today at 4 p.m., while Helix travels to Joseph today for a 6 p.m. tip-off.

GHS (10-4, 3-1) 8 9 10 12 - 39  
NCS (14-1, 4-0) 21 8 7 15 - 51  
HELIX — S. Wilson 11, P. Flerchinger 11, C. Bennett 6, M. Tullis 4, E. Fehrenbacher 2, B. Newton 2, M. Mize 1.  
NIXYAAWII — M. Stewart 29, T. Oatman 5, S. Fitzpatrick 4, D. Maddern 4, S. Fuentes 4, A. Farrow 3, E. Looney 2.  
3-pointers — GHS 2, NCS 6. Free throws — GHS 2-14, NCS 9-10. Fouls — GHS 8, NCS 10. Technicals — Coach (GHS). Fouled out — D. Maddern (NCS).

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## College Roundup

# T-Wolves earn first league win

Heugly turns in another big night for BMCC women

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PENDLETON — The Blue Mountain Timberwolves notched their first conference win of the season by holding off the Big Bend Lady Vikings 65-51 on Friday night.

Savannah Heugly played another great game for the Timberwolves (7-9, 1-1 East), leading the team with 15 points on 7-17 shooting and grabbing a game-high 16 rebounds. She also dished out three assists.

Blue Mountain fell behind 17-11 after  
See COLLEGE HOOPS/2B



Big Bend  
51



Blue Mtn  
65



BMCC's Brook Haringa drives to the basket guarded by Big Bend's Mackenzie Windley and Deanna Manning (32) in the Timberwolves' 65-51 win against the Vikings on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Prep Wrestling

# Bulldogs unscathed at OWC

Hermiston on title track, Pendleton shooting for fifth

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REDMOND — The Hermiston Bulldogs were one of just three 5A teams to make it through the first day of action at the Oregon Wrestling Classic without taking a loss.

The Bulldogs picked up lopsided wins over Ridgeview, 78-6, Mountain View, 60-21, and St. Helen's,

See WRESTLING/2B