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Homeland Security head addresses baseball owners

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — With worries about terrorism heightened following attacks in France and California, baseball owners began their two-day meeting Wednesday by discussing threat protection with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson.



Presenting more than 2,400 games a year in venues that attract large crowds, Major League Baseball has tightened checks in recent years. Starting last year, fans were required to go through metal detectors at all 30 ballparks.

"There's got to be more security than there is now, I don't know what it will be," Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said Wednesday. "Everybody realizes that the world has changed and these people are never going to give up, so we have to give up some of our comforts."

Bills hire NFL's first full-time female assistant coach

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills have hired Kathryn Smith to be their special teams quality control coach, making her the first full-time female member of an NFL coaching staff.

The team announced the move in a release Wednesday night.

Smith spent last season working as an administrative assistant for Bills assistant coaches on Rex Ryan's staff.

She spent the previous 12 seasons working for the New York Jets in various capacities, including a player personnel assistant from 2007-13. In 2014, Smith served as the Jets assistant to the head coach in Ryan's final season in New York.

In her new role, Smith will assist special teams coordinator Danny Crossman and his assistant Eric Smith.

"We're tired of hearing about changes that need to be made. We're tired of hearing about the past. And we're ready to believe in a younger, more hungry team going forward."

— **Jordan Spieth**
World No. 1 ranked golfer stating his top goal for 2016 is a US win in the Ryder Cup. The European team has won eight of the last 10 editions and will defend its title in September for the third straight time.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1953 — Dizzy Dean and Al Simmons are elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The baseball writers pass over Joe DiMaggio in his first year of eligibility.

1990 — John McEnroe becomes the first player thrown out of the Australian Open. McEnroe's tantrum comes while leading Mike Pernfors 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, 2-4.

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CRC BOYS BASKETBALL

Bucks, Dawgs ready for the stretch

Local squads on similar footing entering CRC play

By ERIC SINGER & SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

The Pendleton Buckaroos and Hermiston Bulldogs were faced with similar circumstances heading into the 2015-2016 season.

Both teams were getting settled in with their third head coach in three years and both had limited varsity experience returning to the roster.

With the non-league portion of the schedule now complete, both teams stand on similar ground record wise — Pendleton at 6-6, Hermiston at 7-8 — and believe that they are in a good spot to seize the Columbia River Conference crown.

The Buckaroos come into CRC play as a tough team that has played eight of its 12 games on the road — something that coach Kyle Tedder said has helped his team grow and shape its identity.

"I think we learned that we're OK with playing on the road," he said. "Playing on the road for teams is not easy, but they're OK with going into someone else's gym and taking care of business, while having trust in each other that they're going to

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Media Poll

The CRC boys basketball teams as ranked by media members that cover the CRC with total poll points followed by first place votes.

	Pts	1st
1, Pendleton	18	3
2, Hermiston	17	2
3, The Dalles	9	
4, Hood River	6	



Caden Smith (23), of Pendleton, takes a jumper Friday at Warberg Court as two Braves defend.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

In this Dec. 9, 2015 file photo, Hermiston guard Jansen Edmiston (20) drives baseline around Kamiakin's Kiley Larsen during the Bulldogs' 64-61 season-opening win in Kennewick.



Staff photo by Sam Barbee

CRC GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hermiston ready to repeat

Bulldogs clear favorite after grueling non-league schedule

By SAM BARBEE & ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

With expectations sky high for the No. 6-ranked Hermiston girls basketball team, the league schedule can get lost in the shuffle.

The Bulldogs (12-3) have set their sights on winning one more game than last year — the state championship. And to prepare, they spent the holiday season traveling around the region to play in two highly competitive and prestigious tournaments: the Nike Interstate Shootout in Lake Oswego and the Nike

Media Poll

The CRC girls basketball teams as ranked by media members that cover the CRC with total poll points followed by first place votes.

	Pts	1st
1, Hermiston	20	5
1, The Dalles	15	
3, Pendleton	10	
4, Hood River	5	

Tournament of Champions in Phoenix.

Assuming the Bulldogs advance to the state tournament, that leaves a bit of a competition gap in the Columbia River Conference. Of the four teams in the CRC, Hermiston is the only one to score more than 660 points (842), record double-digit wins, and is ranked

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HERMISTON



In this Dec. 14, 2015 file photo, Hermiston senior Sam Colbray (top) controls Deer Park senior Trevor Eichler during a dual at Hermiston High School.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee/file

Colbray ranked No. 1 in nation

InterMat lists HHS senior atop 195-pound rankings

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Hermiston senior wrestler Sam Colbray was recently ranked as the No. 1 high school wrestler in the country at the 195 pound weight class by InterMat, a national wrestling website.

InterMat analyst Josh Lowe — in charge of compiling the rankings — told the *East Oregonian* via email that Colbray's "resume, ability level and the such are in

my judgement the best among all wrestlers competing in the 195 pound weight class."

Some of the honors on that resume include being a three-time state champion, 2015 NHSCA Jr. Nationals champion, three-time USA Wrestling Junior National champion in Greco-Roman (2012-2014), and a 2015 USA runner-up in freestyle and Greco-Roman.

Colbray has had a strong senior season with Hermiston, most recently leading the Bulldogs to another tournament title this past weekend — the Oregon Classic in Redmond — where he went 6-0 to lead the way. He is 23-1 on the season.

PENDLETON

Buckaroos dial in for rout of Bulldogs

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BAKER CITY — The Pendleton Buckaroos poured in points from the perimeter to rout the shorthanded Baker Bulldogs 59-29 in non-league play on Wednesday.

The Bucks (5-9) started fast and made 11 three-pointers in their final tune-up for the start of Columbia River Conference play on Friday. They led 37-12 at halftime.

"We tried a couple different things and we were able to get some open looks outside," said Bucks coach Michelle Gomez. "The shots were falling, so it was a step forward for us."

Baker (7-9) was the last team Pendleton had beaten — a 59-45 win in Pendleton on Jan. 5 that wasn't secure until late in the third quarter. But without starting senior guard Brie Sand on the court the Bulldogs were no match of the Bucks.

Pendleton's Haley Greb added 11 scorers with 13 points and Lauren Richards led 11. Rylee Gentner grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

Gracie Huggins led Baker with 10 points. Pendleton opens league play on Friday by hosting Hood River at 7 p.m.

PHS (5-9)	15	22	10	12	—	59
BHS (7-9)	8	4	8	9	—	29
PENDLETON	H. Greb 13, L. Richards 11, K. McGoethan 10, S. Greb 9, T. Fell 8, M. Davies 4, R. Gentner 4, J. Lemberger 2, C. Hoffman 2, H. Porter					
BAKER	G. Huggins 10, K. Severson 4, S. Phillips 3, M. Hampton 3, C. Ward 2, J. Ramos 2, H. Collard 2, D. Davis 2, C. Bruce 1, R. Hughes, K. Flanagan					
3-pointers	— PHS 11, BHS 0. Free throws — PHS 3-12, BHS 5-8. Fouls — PHS 12, BHS 16. Fouled out — J. Lemberger (PHS).					