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## Sports shorts

### Judge OKs reworked NCAA concussions deal

CHICAGO (AP)—A federal judge gave preliminary approval Tuesday to a reworked head-injury settlement between thousands of former athletes and the NCAA that includes a \$70 million fund to pay for brain trauma testing and limits legal immunity for the nation's largest college sports governing body.



U.S. District Judge John Lee praised the new deal for expanding potential plaintiffs to athletes from sports beyond football, hockey and other contact sports. But he suggested several changes — most notably ones modifying what would have been a blanket protection for the NCAA from class-action lawsuits over concussions, something the organization may find unacceptable.

### NFL conducting investigation of Peyton Manning

DENVER (AP)—The NFL says it is conducting a comprehensive review of allegations that Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning had human growth hormone delivered to his house.

There's no timetable to complete the investigation, but it's not expected before the Denver plays Carolina in the Super Bowl on Feb. 7.

### FACES



League spokesman Brian McCarthy says the inquiry, which began weeks ago, involves reviews of records, interviews and coordination with other agencies.

Al Jazeera reported last month that an intern at an Indianapolis anti-aging clinic was secretly recorded suggesting that Manning's wife received deliveries of HGH, which is banned by the league. Manning, then with the Colts, was rehabbing from shoulder surgeries.

The intern, Charles Sly, has since recanted his story.

**"The clean sport movement is at a crossroads. The athletes of the world are watching and waiting."**

— Sarah Konrad  
U.S. Olympic Committee athletes' advisory council chair in a letter to the International Olympic Committee and World Anti-Doping Agency sent this week on behalf of U.S. olympic athletes urging the agencies to expand the investigation into Russian doping to sports beyond track and field.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1973** — UCLA, led by Bill Walton, sets an NCAA record for consecutive victories with its 61st win, an 82-63 victory over Notre Dame. UCLA breaks the record of 60 set by San Francisco in 1956. Walton finishes with 16 points, 15 rebounds and 10 blocks.

**1991** — The New York Giants survive the closest Super Bowl when Scott Norwood is wide left on a 47-yard field goal attempt with 8 seconds left. The Giants win their second Super Bowl in five years, 20-19 over the Buffalo Bills.

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## PENDLETON

# Tigers slip past Buckaroos

### Second-half turnovers, poor free throw shooting plagues Pendleton

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Following the Pendleton Buckaroos' blowout win over Hood River on Friday, team spirits appeared to be through the roof.

It was a turning point for the team, starting off conference play with perhaps its most complete and cleanest game all season to provide a big boost of confidence.

However, that boost seemed to wear out in the second half of Pendleton's final non-league contest of the season against La Grande on Tuesday, in which the Bucks could not hang on to a second-half lead and fell 51-48.

"I think we just got tired," said Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez. "I didn't make a lot of substitutions tonight and we got tired and I think took some plays off."

In that half, Pendleton (6-10) mustered just 15 points after netting 33 in the first half, as it struggled with La Grande's defensive pressure. The Bucks made just 6 of 22 second-half shot attempts and had a staggering 15 turnovers after the break — 22 total.

"The turnovers are kind of a learning process when it comes to end-of-game situations," Gomez said. "We lost a lot of focus at the end."

Two of those turnovers ended up burying the Bucks.

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La Grande  
51



Pendleton  
48



Riley Gentner (1), of Pendleton, fights for the ball with La Grande's McKenzie Tussey (31) and Lacey Miles (21) during Tuesday's game at Warberg Court. Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## NBA

# McCollum carries Blazers to win

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Sacramento forward DeMarcus Cousins, unstoppable in the Kings' past two games, found his match Tuesday night in the Portland Trail Blazers' defense.

Cousins, coming off games of 56 and 48 points, missed 17 of his 21 shots and scored 17 points against Portland interior defense in the Blazers' 112-95 win.

C.J. McCollum scored 18 points, Damian Lillard had 15 points and 13 assists as Portland had seven players score in double figures.

Cousins was coming off a franchise-high 56-point performance Monday night against Charlotte, but never got untracked against a



Sacramento  
95



Portland  
112



Portland Trail Blazers guard C.J. McCollum (3) shoots over Sacramento Kings center Willie Cauley-Stein (00) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland on Tuesday. (AP Photo/Steve Dykes)

Portland defense led by Meyers Leonard and Mason Plumlee.

Cousins missed nine of his first 10 shots and went 1-of-7 during the second half before leaving

midway through the fourth quarter with Portland having the game in hand. Cousins also struggled at the free throw line, making 9 of 17.

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## Prep Roundup

# Big third boosts Pendleton over La Grande

### Bucks survive off night by Smith

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — The Pendleton Buckaroos learned they can survive and off night by their most dynamic scorer and took down La Grande 58-49 on the road Tuesday in non-league boys basketball.

On most nights, junior Caden Smith could be penciled in for about 20 points before tip-off, and more often than not he exceeds that number by game's end.

But with Smith struggling to find his shooting touch against the Tigers, Pendleton (8-6) went into the locker room at halftime trailing 29-19.

Not to be deterred, the Bucks came out in the third quarter on a 21-4 run that was driven by Daniel Adams, James Bradt and Mekhi Foreman to erase their deficit and put La Grande (5-7) away.

Adams finished with a game-high 17 points, Bradt added 15 and Foreman chipped in 10. Smith finished with nine.

"Caden had an off-night and that's going to happen from time to time, but we had a lot of guys step up," said first-year Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder. "We responded to the adversity of the first half."

Devon Roe led Pendleton with 13 rebounds.

Zack Jacobs had a team-high 14 points for La Grande.

Pendleton has only league games left from here, and will host The Dalles on Thursday at 7 p.m.

After playing their last nine out of 10 games on the road, Tedder said the team is eager to play at Warberg Court and "put on a show" for the home crowd.

PHS (8-6) 10 9 21 18 — 58  
LGHS (5-7) 14 15 4 16 — 49  
PENDLETON — D. Adams 17, J. Bradt 15, M. Foreman 10, C. Smith 9, K. Quinn 2, J. Stuvland 2, W. Morris, D. Roe.  
LA GRANDE — Z. Jacobs 14, I. Cranford 8, E. Siitanen 7, A. Peasley 6, J. Schiller 5, G. Blackman 4, M. Wisdom 3, C. Brandt 2.  
3-pointers — PHS 5, LGHS 6. Free throws — PHS 11-16, LGHS 5-12. Fouls — PHS 18, LGHS 14. Technicals — C. Smith (PHS).

WESTON-MCEWEN 45, MAC-HI 38 — At Athena, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots rode a strong defensive effort in the second half to overcome a halftime deficit and earn a non-league win over Mac-Hi on Tuesday night.

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## HERMISTON

# Bulldogs on pace for state title

### Confidence, results not lacking in Hermiston's wrestling room

By SAM BARBEE  
East Oregonian

At the beginning of the wrestling season, it would have been easy to assume the Hermiston wrestling team would win its fourth-straight OSAA title. Already on campus were returning state champions and future state champions were arriving.

The path seemed laid before the first steps were taken. However, Bulldog grapplers are quickly learning that the name on the singlet is unimportant, ultimately.

"We're getting beat in these tougher tournaments not necessarily because teams are better than us, or we're not doing the right things in the wrestling room, we just, as a program, as a high school team, we gotta honestly just toughen up," first-year coach Kyle Larson said. "Teams aren't beating us because they're better at wrestling. They're not beating us because we're not loading the bus and we're leaving kids

See BULLDOGS/2B

**"The only way we're not gonna win the state title is if we do not load the bus."**

— Kyle Larson,  
Hermiston head wrestling coach