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Tony Stewart hospitalized with non-racing injury

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Three-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart is hospitalized with a back injury and Stewart-Haas Racing said Tuesday the team is unsure of the extent of his injuries.

SHR spokesman Mike Arning told The Associated Press that Stewart was injured in a non-racing accident on Sunday. He was being evaluated at an undisclosed hospital and able to move all extremities.

No further information was given and Arning indicated Stewart's condition will not be updated again until Thursday.

Stewart is retiring at the end of this NASCAR season, and he was due to report next week to Daytona International Speedway to begin preparing for the Feb. 21 Daytona 500.

Browns tired of Manziel's antics; likely to part ways

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Browns say quarterback Johnny Manziel's troubles off the field have undermined his teammates and the organization.

The team released a statement Tuesday by new vice president of football operations Sashi Brown, who said

Manziel's "continual involvement in incidents" run counter to expectations for players. Brown said Manziel's status will "be addressed when permitted by league rules." It was not immediately clear when the team can make a move with Manziel.

Manziel is being investigated by the NFL for the second time in three months. Last weekend in Texas, police were called to an apartment complex where a woman, identified as Manziel's ex-girlfriend, said she was involved in a disturbance with the 23-year-old player. The league cleared Manziel of wrongdoing following a fight with his girlfriend in October.

"I don't even want to touch on the topic of 'black quarterback' because I think this game is bigger than black, white or even green. I think we limit ourselves when we just label ourselves just black this, that ..."

— Cam Newton
Carolina Panthers QB responding to a question on the recent post-season prevalence of African-American quarterbacks during a Super Bowl media session on Tuesday.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1980 — Larry Bird hits the first 3-point shot in the history of the NBA All-Star Game. Bird's 3 came in overtime when the East outscored the West 16-8 in the extra period for a 144-136 win.

2013 — The Baltimore Ravens survive a power outage at the Super Bowl to edge the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.

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WAR ON 84

Buckaroos hold off Bulldogs



Pendleton's James Bradt and Hermiston's Andrew James battle for a loose ball in the Bucks' 67-57 win against the Bulldogs' on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Pendleton survives Hermiston's second-half rally for rivalry win

By MATT ENTRUP
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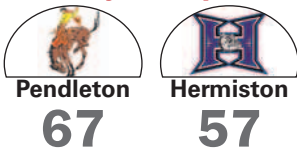
HERMISTON — Devon Roe set the tone, Caden Smith carried the scoring early and James Bradt came up big in the fourth quarter as Pendleton's boys basketball team held on to beat Hermiston 67-57 Tuesday night in a game the Buckaroos never trailed.

"It's tough in this

environment, it's fun," said first-year Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder, who coached his first War on 84 game in Hermiston. "There's a lot of pressure, you've got the fans on top of you, and our boys responded well and came out and did their job."

With each team looking to land the first blow in the rivalry series, which may well decide the Columbia River Conference champion

Boys Hoops



this season, Roe came out and gave Pendleton an early boost on the game's first two possessions.

After the Bucks (10-6, 3-0 CRC) won the opening

tip, Roe got the ball down low and after missing his first shot, grabbed the rebound and scored on the putback for the lead.

Then he blocked Hermiston's first shot attempt on the other end.

"Coming out, our emotions are already high," said Bradt, "and coming out and starting out like that from a guy like Devon, he's got a lot of excitement

and it's fun watching him play, and it just gets all of us pumped up and ready to go even more than we already were."

The Bulldogs (8-10, 1-2) didn't let that phase them, though, and battled back to tie the score twice in the first quarter before Caden Smith's three-pointer put Pendleton up for good 14-11 with a little more than

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Hot-shooting Bulldogs cruise past Bucks

Hermiston's Kynzee Padilla shoots the ball in front of Pendleton's Haley Greb in the Bulldogs' 64-35 win against the Bucks on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



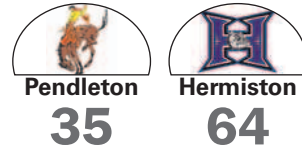
Bulldogs shoot 55 percent in second half to roll to win

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — For some time now, Hermiston girls basketball coach Steve Hoffert has been hounded by his players to run a full-court press. He added it to the teams' arsenal earlier this season, but chose to wait to debut it until league play, to send a message he said.

It has worked as planned in Hermiston's first three league games, including Tuesday's 64-35 win over rival Pendleton in front of a pinked-out crowd to honor Kathryn Youngman, a

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former Hermiston Spanish teacher and current Pendleton teacher who is in the midst of her third bout with cancer.

Sara Ramirez led all scorers with 17 points, Jansen Edmister added 15 points and Kynzee Padilla had 11 points in the win. Kalan McGlothlin led Pendleton with 14 points.

"It was pretty much just get our press mistakes cut to the max and just have them turn over the ball without fouling," Padilla said of her team's intent while running the press.

"The girls were dying

to run it," Hoffert said. "I said 'We're not gonna show it, because everyone's watching.' We're gonna show it in league and people around the state are gonna have to prepare for it."

Though Hermiston hasn't run its press much, it's essentially fully-formed. There was a stretch in the first quarter when Pendleton struggled to cross midcourt, and Hermiston scored easy layups and got right back into the press. Quickly Hermiston was up 10-2 and the frustration was mounting on the Pendleton bench. That said, a feeding frenzy of sorts developed due to the amount of steals Hermiston gathered.

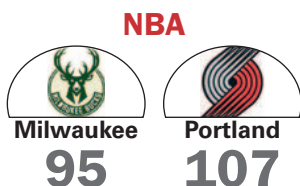
From the opening tip, it seemed, Hermiston was the better team. Though its offense struggled in the first

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NBA

McCollum scores 30, leads Blazers to 5th-straight win

Portland now just two games below the .500 mark



By ANNE M. PETERSON
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PORTLAND — CJ McCollum is hardly surprised the Trail Blazers are having more success.

"It was just a matter of time before we started to click," he said. "Forty games, 50 games in, that's when you start to see a

better brand of basketball all around."

McCollum scored 30 points and Portland beat the Milwaukee Bucks 107-95 on Tuesday night for its season-high fifth straight win.

Damian Lillard had 14 points and 12 assists for his 11th double-double

of the season. Al-Farouq Aminu added 16 points for the Blazers, who have won nine of 11.

Portland is eighth in the Western Conference and edging closer to .500 at 24-26.

"This game was kind of similar to the last few games we've been playing," coach Terry Stotts said. "We've been playing solid defense. Offensively, we've been moving the ball and for the most part playing well with the lead. Just doing a lot of good things."

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Portland Trail Blazers guard C.J. McCollum, center, shoots between Milwaukee Bucks center Greg Monroe, left, and guard Khris Middleton during the second half of Tuesday's game in Portland.