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Mariners sign veteran Peralta to shore up bullpen

SEATTLE (AP) — Relief pitcher Joel Peralta has agreed to a minor league contract with the Seattle Mariners and will report to big league spring training.



The 39-year-old right-hander has spent parts of 11 seasons in the major leagues with six clubs.

Peralta was 3-1 with a 4.34 ERA in 33 games with the Los Angeles Dodgers last season, spending two stints on the disabled list with shoulder and neck injuries.

He is 19-34 with a 3.94 ERA in 589 relief appearances in his big league career. Peralta appeared in 296 games with Tampa Bay from 2011-13 after pitching for the Los Angeles Angels (2005), Kansas City (2006-08), Colorado (2009) and Washington (2010).

Clippers suspend Blake Griffin 4 games without pay

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Clippers suspended Blake Griffin four games without pay on Tuesday for punching a team staff member. His salary will

be withheld for an additional game because he broke his shooting hand.

In all, Griffin will lose \$859,442 from his season salary of

\$18,907,725.

A team spokesman said the suspension will begin when Griffin is healthy, cleared to play and active. He was expected to be out four-to-six weeks while his hand heals.

The Clippers end a four-game road trip Wednesday night in Boston before the All-Star break this weekend. They resume play with a four-game trip starting Feb. 18 in San Antonio.

"I've been on record to say I'm a sore loser. Who likes to lose? You show me a good loser and I'm going to show you a loser. It's not a popularity contest. I'm here to win football games."

— **Cam Newton**

Carolina Panthers QB speaking to the media on Tuesday as the Panthers' players cleaned out their lockers. Newton defended his actions of walking out on the post-game press conference following Super Bowl 50 — which garnered heavy criticism from fans and the media — adding that he "didn't want to talk to the media at the time."

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1969 — LSU's Pete Maravich scores 66 points in a 110-94 loss to Tulane.

1991 — Charles Barkley of the Philadelphia 76ers, playing with a stress fracture in his left foot, becomes the NBA All-Star MVP with 17 points and 22 rebounds after leading the East to a 116-114 victory.

2002 — Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers scores 31 points to lead the Western Conference to a 135-120 win over the East.

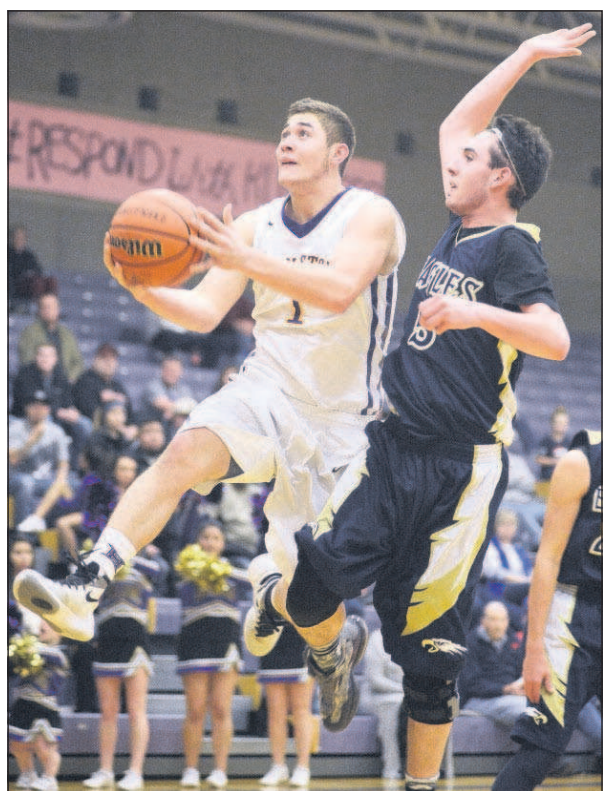
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HERMISTON

Hermiston beats down Hood River

Hermiston's Chance Flores shoots the ball guarded by Hood River's Dallas Buckley in the Bulldogs' 84-44 win against the Eagles on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Bulldogs score season-high 84 points in rout of Eagles

By **SAM BARBEE**
East Oregonian

Revenge can be a poor motivator sometimes. Teams can get so caught up in repaying another that they lose sight of small details and play over-emotional, leading to sloppy mistakes.

That didn't happen Tuesday night, when the Hermiston boys basketball team avenged a 12-point loss to the two-win Hood River Valley Eagles in January with an 84-44 dismantling at The Dawghouse.

"We had to get a win," Hermiston forward Thomas McCullough said after making his first varsity start and scoring seven

points and grabbing seven rebounds. "One-hundred percent needed to get a win. And we got it."

As is the usual for Hermiston (9-11, 2-3 CRC), especially since losing 6-foot-3 forward Tre Neal to a season-ending injury, the Bulldogs were undersized against the Eagles (2-15, 2-3), and that proved the deciding factor in January's upset. The Eagles grabbed more than 30 offensive rebounds the night, making life miserable for the Bulldog defense.

Tuesday night, Hood River had just eight second-shot opportunities in the first half thanks to McCullough, Preston Peterson, Dayshawn Neal, and numerous others constantly cleaning the glass.

"They still had more than we wanted them to have, but we still did a good job of keeping them off the boards,"

Ego said. "That helps your defense. When they're getting so many second

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PENDLETON

Bucks outlast Riverhawks

Pendleton stands alone in second place in CRC with win on Tuesday

By **ERIC SINGER**
East Oregonian

When the Pendleton Buckaroos and The Dalles Riverhawks met for the first time this season on Jan. 30, the Buckaroos kept it close in the first half before The Dalles used its height advantage to put away Pendleton.

On Tuesday night, the Buckaroos once again kept it close throughout the first half, except this time the Buckaroos fought off the height and used some lock-down defense to hold off The Dalles for a 48-43 victory.

"We had sights of being mentally strong, but we needed to be able to show it for four quarters," said Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez. "Our confidence was bigger (tonight), we were a little hesitant in the first quarter, but defensively we were really strong."

Kalan McGlothlin was a huge presence inside for Pendleton (8-12, 3-2 CRC) as she totaled a team-high 18 points and went 6 for 11 from the free throw line to lead the way.

"(Kalan's) been amazing all season," Gomez said. "These last couple games, she's really figured out her role and who she wants to be and it's been great. She knows how important she is to the team, and she's come out and been a real strong body inside."

The game started slow for both sides, as The Dalles (10-9, 2-3) rushed out to an 8-2 lead before its offense went cold for the rest of the quarter and allowed Pendleton to climb back with a 5-0 run.

The second quarter is when the Buckaroos really found their groove on offense. They worked the pick-and-roll with McGlothlin and attacked the basket, resulting in several open shot attempts and numerous free throw opportunities. Pendleton shot 4-7 from inside the 3-point line in the quarter, and finished 7-8 from the free throw line.

Pendleton grabbed its first lead at the 6:45 mark of the second when Lauren Richards nailed a high-arching 3-pointer from the left wing to put the Bucks up 13-10. From that point on, the two teams tallied three ties and six lead changes in the quarter alone, leading to a 25-23 lead for Pendleton at halftime.

During that break, McGlothlin said that Gomez's

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The Dalles
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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton's Kalan McGlothlin (34) and Jodi Thomasian (11), of The Dalles, vie for a rebound Tuesday night at Warberg Court.

In this Sept. 6, 2014, file photo Irrigon's Fredy Vera runs past Riverside's Daniel Cornelius during a football game in Boardman.

EO file photo/E.J. Harris



Prep Football

Several locals selected for Shrine Game

All-star football game to be played in August

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Rosters for the 64th East-West All-Star Football Game were released on Tuesday, and up to 10 local high school seniors could end up participating in the benefit game for Portland Shriners Hospital for Children.

Five players were chosen for the stacked East team while five more were selected as alternates for the game that

will be played on Saturday, Aug. 6, in Baker City.

Heppner's Patrick Collins (OL/DL) and C.J. Kindle (RB/LB), Irrigon's Fredy Vera (RB/DB), Stanfield's Jarred Warren (OL/DL) and Weston-McEwen's Devon Rhoades (OL/LB) were selected for the East squad out of nominated 1A-4A seniors.

Heppner's Kaden Clark (QB/DB) and Weston Putman (TE/LB), Irrigon's Cougar Kroske (OL/DL), Echo's Hayden Sather (OL/LB) and Umatilla's Josh Dever (WR/DB) were picked as alternates.

Coaches nominate players and select the teams, but may only nominate one of their own players as well as any other players from their league they feel are worthy. Each team has 30 players and 30 alternates.

The East leads the all-time series 29-25-3 and could end up with the 2A-4A Players of the Year should they choose to participate. Collins and Kindle were the 2A Defensive and Offensive Players of the Year, respectively, Cascade's Garrett Coffey (RB/LB) was the 4A Player of the Year,

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