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## Sports shorts

### Mets pitcher 1st to draw lifetime ban for PED usage

NEW YORK (AP) — Mets reliever Jenrry Mejia has become the first player to receive a lifetime ban under baseball's drug agreement after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance for the third time.



The commissioner's office said Friday that Mejia tested positive for Boldenone.

The 26-year-old was the Mets' closer before he was suspended for 80 games last April 11 following a positive test for Stanozolol. He returned July 12, appeared in seven games for New York, then was banned for 162 games on July 28 after a positive test for Stanozolol and Boldenone.

### McCullum to participate in All-Star 3-point shootout

Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum has been added to the 2016 Foot Locker Three-Point Competition, the NBA announced today.

McCollum, 24, is already competing in the Taco Bell Skills Challenge. Both events are part of State Farm All-Star Saturday Night in Toronto.

McCollum is shooting a team-high 39.2% from beyond the three-point line, and ranks ninth in the NBA with 125 three-point field goals.

McCollum will compete against Golden State's Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, Houston's James Harden, Milwaukee's Khris Middleton, Toronto's Kyle Lowry, the L.A. Clippers' JJ Redick and Phoenix's Devin Booker.

State Farm All-Star Saturday night tips off at 5:30 p.m. (Pacific) tomorrow evening, live on TNT.

"I just try to play the years out and do everything I can to help my team win. But don't sell me short. That's what you're doing right now to me, so don't do that."

— **Bryce Harper**  
Washington Nationals outfielder and the reigning National League MVP during a radio interview with 106.7 FM The Fan in Virginia, asking his thoughts on his next contract being worth a record \$400 million. The 23-year-old Harper will earn \$5 million this season and will be arbitration-eligible for the first time after 2016 and is eligible for free agency after 2018.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1995** — Connecticut is voted No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 and joins the school's women's team at the top. It is the first time teams from one school were ranked No. 1 in the men's and women's college basketball polls.

**2003** — Teresa Phillips becomes the first woman to coach a men's Division I team. Her Tennessee State team loses for the 17th straight time, 71-56 at Austin Peay.

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## WAR ON 84

# Heehn comes up big in Hermiston rout

### Kiana Heehn scores 15 points off bench to lead Bulldogs

By **SAM BARBEE**  
East Oregonian

Kiana Heehn transferred from Pendleton as a middle schooler and watched her older sister play at Warberg Court. She wasn't going to let her only varsity game there be a disappointment.

The senior reserve scored 15 points off the bench — all on 3-pointers — to lead all scorers and helped, in part, propel the Bulldogs to a 76-32 drubbing of the Pendleton Buckaroos Friday night.

No Pendleton (8-13, 3-2 CRC) player scored in double figures. Maddy Juul and Sara Ramirez each added 13 points for Hermiston (18-3, 6-0) and Jansen Edmiston pitched in with 12, all coming in the first half.

"I think it helped a lot I was back in

### Girls Hoops

**Hermiston**  
76

**Pendleton**  
32

Pendleton," she said. "It kind of motivated me to shoot more."

She added that a blowout win on the road is made especially sweet because it's at Warberg Court.

"I think our team did very well."

Heehn has filled the role Tavin Headings manned last season, a sharp-shooter coming off the bench. The role was as effective as it's been all season, with Heehn lighting up the scoreboard from outside with consistency. Heehn set the tone for the second quarter after a relatively quiet initial period.

Up 15-7 after that first quarter, which Hermiston took control of with an 8-0 run thanks to four straight Buck turnovers, Heehn hit her first three of the night on the second quarter's opening possession to push the count to 18-7.

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Hermiston's Jansen Edmiston shoots the ball over Pendleton's Shelby Greb in the Bulldogs' 76-32 win against the Bucks on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

# Bulldogs smother Buckaroos

### Foul trouble sinks Pendleton in second half

By **ERIC SINGER**  
East Oregonian

The rivalry series between the Pendleton Buckaroos and Hermiston Bulldogs never fails to bring interesting match-ups.

Friday night's edition was much of the same, as the Bulldogs used a big second half to pull away from the Buckaroos to earn the 69-60 victory. With the win, Hermiston hands Pendleton its first conference loss of the season and also brings its six-game win streak to a halt.

Hermiston (10-11, 3-3 CRC) coach Dave Ego was ecstatic to see his team pull out the win.

"Well anytime we beat Pendleton in Pendleton we get excited about it," he said. "We shot poor against them last time in the fourth quarter, and tonight we shot better and were able to steal a win."

Chance Flores — gimpy foot and all — scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half, including two big 3-pointers in the second half that got Hermiston's offense going. Flores also headed Hermiston's offense that relentlessly attacked Pendleton's defense from start to finish.

"We started slow, weren't hitting our shots, but in the second half I think my 3s got the fire going," Flores said. "I just told the guys that we have no regrets tonight so let's get it done, and we did."

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### Boys Hoops

**Hermiston**  
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**Pendleton**  
60



Austin Nailion (10), of Hermiston, goes up for a shot as Pendleton's Caden Smith (left) and Devon Roe (right) defend Friday at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## Boys Basketball

# Heppner downs Pilot Rock in league finale

### Mustangs clinch No. 1 seed in CBC district tournament

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HEPPNER — Patrick Collins secured a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds as the Mustangs pulled away in the second half to down the Rockets 70-43 in their Columbia Basin Conference finale on Friday.

Logan Grieb added another 15 points and three assists for Heppner (18-3, 8-2 CBC) while Weston Putman chipped in 13 points on 4-of-5 three-point shooting.

"It was senior night so there was a lot of emotions flying around early on," said Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm. "We actually got out to slow start and Pilot Rock came out

hot. But we settled down and I was proud of how we came through."

Heppner led 33-25 at halftime but pulled away for a 52-35 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Gunner McCall led Pilot Rock (8-16, 2-8) with nine points and Chris Weinke added eight points and four assists.

The win secured the No. 1 seed at districts for Heppner, which opens tournament play on Friday at 1 p.m. against Weston-McEwen at Pendleton Convention Center.

**PR (8-16, 2-8) 13 12 10 8 — 43**  
**HHS (18-3, 8-2) 15 18 19 18 — 70**  
PILOT ROCK — G. McCall 9, C. Weinke 8, B. Peirce 7, D. Hasher 5, L. Thieme 4, B. Postma 4, R. Lankford 2, B. Kannier 2, P. Roe 2, E. McCall, I. Winter, T. Denny. (18-45)  
HEPPNER — P. Collins 15, L. Grieb 15, W. Putman 13, C. Hedman 8, C. Kindle 8, K. Curran 4, K. Murray 4, K. Clark 2, J. Lindsay 1, K. Smith, W. Steagall (23-50)  
3-pointers — PR 4-10, HHS 10-18. Free throws — PR 3-10, HHS 14-25. Fouls — PR 18, HHS 13.

**STANFIELD 55, WESTON-MCEWEN 38** — At Athena, the

Weston-McEwen TigerScots could not keep pace with the Stanfield Tigers, as Stanfield pulled away with a big win to close out the regular season on Friday night.

The game started off pretty even, as the two teams battled out to an 8-8 score. But then Stanfield (16-5, 8-2 CBC) went on an 8-0 run to end the quarter, and left the TigerScots offense behind.

"We got off to a fairly good start," said Weston-McEwen coach Brian Pickard. "We went cold shooting, had some good looks on the inside, but we just couldn't hit a shot."

Dylan Grogan led the Tigers with 17 points and Jose Garcia added 11 points. Ethen Reger led the TigerScots with 14 points and added 12 rebounds, and was the only scorer to reach double figures.

Weston-McEwen will next play on Friday at 1 p.m. against Heppner in the district tournament at Pend-

leton Convention Center. Stanfield will also play on Friday against Irrigon, with the time TBD.

**SHS (16-5, 8-2) 16 17 14 8 — 55**  
**W-M (10-11, 5-5) 8 10 11 9 — 38**  
STANFIELD — D. Grogan 17, J. Garcia 11, T. Monkus 8, B. Woods 5, R. Bailey 3, J. Carrillo 4, A. Flores 4, A. Nunez 3.  
WESTON-MCEWEN — E. Reger 14, S. Mikesell 7, B. Speed 6, A. Finifrock 4, K. Rodriguez 2, B. Rudolph 2, S. Broncheau 2, J. Patrick 1, K. Scott, X. Bailey, G. Hungerford.  
3-pointers — SHS 6, W-M 1. Free throws — SHS 11-19, W-M 7-14. Fouls — SHS 19, W-M 16.

**UMATILLA 63, VALE 61** — At Vale, the Umatilla Vikings won at the last second over Vale.

With Vale pressing with the score tied at 61, Kaden Webb ran the length of the court, caught the Hail Mary pass and scored at the buzzer, giving Umatilla last-second win despite Vale making 11 3-point shots. Webb had 10 points in the game, and Trent Durfey led all scorers with a season-high 14 points.

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