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Blazers make small moves at trade deadline

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers acquired guard Brian Roberts and a future second-round pick from the Miami Heat in exchange for cash considerations, as well as a future first-round pick and veteran F Anderson Varejao in exchange for a future second-round pick from the Cleveland Cavaliers.

In four seasons with New Orleans and Charlotte, Roberts, 30, is averaging 7.4 points (41.2% FG, 35.2% 3-PT, 91.9% FT), 1.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists over 252 games (57 starts).

Varejao, 33, was subsequently waived by the team.

The Trail Blazers also waived reserve guard Tim Frazier to make room for Roberts.



Panthers DE Jared Allen retires after 12 years in NFL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Panthers defensive end Jared Allen announced his retirement from football on Twitter in unique fashion — from atop a horse.

Allen, who often refers to himself as a cowboy after being raised on a ranch, thanked everyone in a short video before saying, “I was going to ride off into the sunset, but seeing there is no sunset I’m just going to ride off.” He then turned the horse and galloped away into the dark night with snow on the ground.

A four-time All-Pro, Allen played 12 seasons in the NFL and finished with 136 career sacks. He led the league in sacks in 2007 and 2011.

His retirement will save the Panthers \$8.25 million under the 2016 salary cap.

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Allen

“We’ve been called misfits, cockroaches. This is as solid as I think we’ve been, and that’s saying a lot.”

— **Bruce Bochy**
San Francisco Giants manager on the state of his team as pitchers and catchers reported on Thursday to officially begin spring training. The Giants have won the ‘World Series’ in the last three even-year seasons, and have plenty of expectations in 2016 after spending big money on free agent pitchers Johnny Cueto and Jeff Samardzija in the offseason.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1984 — Cale Yarborough sweeps into the lead two turns before the finish to win the Daytona 500. He becomes the second driver to win consecutive Daytona 500s; Richard Petty was the other.

1996 — Charles Barkley of Phoenix becomes one of 10 players with 20,000 points and 10,000 rebounds in the NBA when he grabs 14 rebounds in a 98-94 victory over Vancouver.

2012 — The Detroit Red Wings win their 23rd straight home game, breaking the NHL overall record with a 3-2 victory over the San Jose Sharks.

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Prep Wrestling

Bulldogs aiming to push the pace



In this Feb. 28, 2015 file photo, Hermiston’s Bob Coleman wrestles Spencer Barnette, of Sandy, during the OSAA Wrestling State Championships at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Hermiston wrestlers gunning for district title with state tournament looming

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — With first year head coach Kyle Larson already in Bend for the seeding meeting for the 5A Special District 4 wrestling tournament, assistant coach Doug Tovey ran practice Thursday night and took the floor after the relatively light workout.

He recounted watching Redmond’s team last year. He was impressed by what we saw from the Panthers, and thought maybe they were in trouble last year. It was obvious they weren’t, as Hermiston dominated Redmond and the rest of the district on its way to a state title, the program’s ninth.

“Last year when we watched Redmond wrestle, they had tons

of kids,” senior 182-pounder Bob Coleman said. “But then when we were competing against them, they weren’t what we thought they were. Some kids will take that the wrong way and blow it off and it’ll come back to bite them. But I think if we listen to coaches and push the pace, we’ll be perfectly fine.”

Tovey’s speech, in relation
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Bucks like their district draw

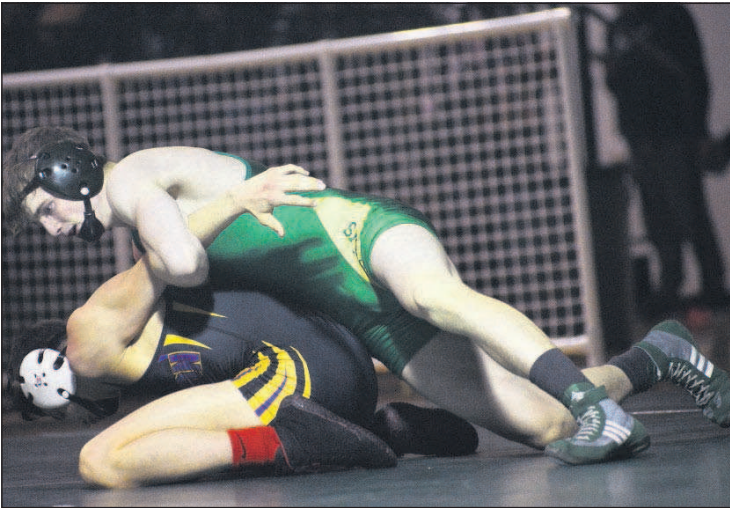
Pendleton looking for top five placing at district tournament

By MATT ENTRUP
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PENDLETON — Pendleton wrestling coach Fred Phillips left Thursday night’s seeding meeting with no complaints.

The Special District 4 brackets lined up the way Phillips had expected them to, which puts the young Buckaroos in position to accomplish their best-case scenario at the district tournament starting today at Mountain View High School.

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In this Feb. 12, 2016 file photo, Pendleton’s Morgan Holcomb rides the back of Hermiston’s C.J. Hendon in the 145-pound match Thursday in the Bulldogs’ 52-13 win against the Bucks in Pendleton.

Prep Rodeo

Intermountain ropers looking for repeat season

High school rodeo begins spring schedule this weekend

By MATT ENTRUP
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HERMISTON — The Oregon High School Rodeo Association (OHSRA) begins the spring portion of its schedule on Friday in Eugene with members of the Intermountain team looking to continue the success they experienced in the fall.

Hermiston senior Preston Pederson is one of three returning nationals qualifiers that helped the Intermountain riders claim the state title last season, and he enters the Eugene doubleheader leading the all-around

and the tie-down roping.

He’ll likely face stiff competition for those titles from teammates Kolby Currin of Heppner and Calgary Smith of Adams, who also qualified for the national finals last season.

Like Pederson, Currin competes in tie-down, team roping and steer wrestling. Smith competes in tie-down and team roping.

“We’re going to be a pretty good timed event team,” said Intermountain coach Curtis Pederson, Preston’s father. “We look to try to repeat (at state) and have a good national team and some state champions.”

Adding to the talent for the boys ropers are Pendleton freshmen Trent Sorey, who leads the rookie standings, and Phoenix Everano, and Aaron Sweek of Hermiston.

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In this April 25, 2015, file photo, Calgary Smith of Pendleton competes in tie-down roping at the Intermountain Conference Rodeo in Hermiston.

Prep Basketball

Chavez guides Cougars into semis

Echo boys close out Wallowa in first round

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BAKER CITY — The Echo boys basketball team saved its best for last on Thursday against Wallowa in the first round of the Old Oregon League district tournament.

Echo shot 66 percent from the field in the fourth quarter to seal a 53-37 win that was their second in a row over Wallowa (5-16) and third of the season.

Carlos Chavez led all scorers with 26 points and added four assists and six steals for Echo (9-15). Michael Thompson added 11 points, eight rebounds, four assists and two blocks, and Bob Gibbs chipped in eight points and nine rebounds.

Echo out-rebounded Wallowa 35-24 and had 14 offensive rebounds that led to 15 second-chance points in the game to Wallowa’s one.

Echo shot 24 for 51 from the field (47 percent) in the game and led 24-19 at halftime, 37-29 after three quarters.

Christopher Nobles led Wallowa with 11 points, Travis Hiaga added 10 points, six rebounds and four steals, and Noah Allen chipped in 10 points and four steals.

The win moves Echo into the semifinal round where it faces Nixyaawii tonight.

WHS (5-16)	10	9	10	8	—	37
EHS (9-15)	12	12	13	16	—	53
WALLOWA — C. Nobles 11, T. Hiaga 10, N. Allen 10, K. Frye 3, C. Hafer 3, G. Burns, E. Burns. (15-40)						
ECHO — C. Chavez 26, M. Thompson 11, B. Gibbs 8, B. Moffit 4, C. Medrano 4, Z. Gerke, J. Dorn, D. Craig, C. Caldera, T. Mulder. (24-51)						
3-pointers — WHS 3-12, EHS 3-10. Free throws — WHS 4-11, EHS 2-7. Fouls — WHS 14, EHS 9.						

JOSEPH 69, HELIX 43 — At Baker City, the Grizzlies had no answer for the Eagles’ Cayden DeLury and Aaron Borgerding as Joseph cruised to victory in the first round of the Old Oregon League district tournament on Thursday.

DeLury led the game with 20 points and Borgerding added 17 more.

“Defensively we had a little trouble with (DeLury) and (Borgerding), and we had a little trouble covering the 3,” said Helix coach Ben Maney.

Joseph (14-8) hit eight three-pointers in the game and led 39-23 at halftime.

Justin Williams scored the only three for Helix (4-21) and led the team with a season-high 26 points. He added 11 rebounds for the double-double.

Jonathan Shaw chipped in eight points and seven rebounds, and both players will be among the seven returning next season.

“Our boys played hard,” Maney said. “For what we had for our season it was great. We had our ups and downs but it ended on a great note.”

“To be at districts was a great experience and it’s going to build motivation for them to get back here next year.”

GHS (4-21)	9	14	11	9	—	43
JHS (14-8)	17	22	25	5	—	69
HELIX — J. Williams 26, J. Shaw 8, B. Cope 4, C. Marks 2, T. Wilson 2, G. Christman 1, T. Fehrenbacher.						
JOSEPH — C. DeLury 20, A. Borgerding 17, T. Homan 9, D. VanWinkle 6, J. Chrisman 5, Stone 4, C. Murray 4, K. Kilgore 3, T. Grote 1.						
3-pointers — GHS 1, JHS 8. Free throws — GHS 8-13, JHS 13-24. Fouls — GHS 20, JHS 12. Fouled out — T. Wilson (GHS).						

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