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LA Rams selected for 'Hard Knocks'

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — The Los Angeles Rams will be the subject of HBO's "Hard Knocks" this summer.

As they move from St. Louis to Southern California, the Rams have agreed to let HBO's cameras film their first training camp in the LA area, the NFL announced on Wednesday.

"This is an exciting time for our franchise," Rams coach Jeff Fisher said. "Hard Knocks will be an outstanding way to bring our fans into our training camp and preseason, and give a glimpse of the hard work and dedication of our players, coaches and staff as we prepare for the 2016 season."

The hour-long series kicks off its 11th season Aug. 9 and airs each subsequent Tuesday, with a Sept. 6 finale.



A-Rod to retire after 2017 season

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez says he plans to retire from baseball after the 2017 season.

The New York Yankees slugger revealed his intentions Wednesday during an interview with ESPN.

His plans were confirmed by spokesman Ron Berkowitz. Rodriguez, who returned last season from a

one-year drug suspension, has 687 home runs, 75 shy of Barry Bonds' career record. His 10-year contract with the Yankees runs through 2017.

Berkowitz says "at the end of the contract he's going to be 42 years old, but we still have (324) games to go until we get to this point."

Rodriguez

"I didn't like the direction it was heading. I didn't think we were on the same page. But I didn't ask for anything. It's his organization, his team. He can run it however he wants to run it. It wasn't like 'I'm walking out the door.'"

— Chip Kelly

New San Francisco 49ers head coach Chip Kelly on Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie's decision to give Kelly personnel control last season. Kelly was fired before the end of the Eagles' 7-9 season and the team has spent the offseason clearing many of the players acquired by Kelly off the roster.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1979 — Indiana State, led by Larry Bird, advances to the NCAA championship game by squeezing past DePaul 76-74. Bird has 35 points, 16 rebounds and 9 assists.

2013 — Florida Gulf Coast goes from shocking the men's college basketball world to downright impressing it. The Eagles beat San Diego State 81-71 to become the first No. 15 seed to reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

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Men's College Basketball

Ducks line up Devils



Oregon's Chris Boucher takes a shot during college basketball practice in Anaheim, Calif., Wednesday, March 23, 2016. Oregon plays against Duke in a regional semifinal game in the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

Oregon meets defending champ Duke in Sweet 16

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Dillon Brooks and his top-seeded Oregon Ducks have a golden opportunity to get college basketball's full attention Thursday night.

That's because their Sweet Sixteen opponent, fourth-seeded Duke, travels under the biggest spotlight in the sport.

"I know a lot of the guys are really motivated," said Brooks, Oregon's top scorer. "We've been watching Duke all our lives, and once we see the lettering, 'D-U-K-E,' we're going to come out there with red on our face and just really take it to them."

After a remarkable regular season and a strong start to the NCAA Tournament, the Ducks (30-6) realize the

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Oregon's Jordan Bell takes a shot during college basketball practice in Anaheim, Calif., Wednesday, March 23, 2016. Oregon plays against Duke in a regional semifinal game in the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

Pro Basketball

Blazers hold on to beat Mavericks

By ANDREW HINKELMAN
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard had 27 points and six assists, Ed Davis scored all of his 16 points in the first half and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Dallas Mavericks 109-103 on Wednesday night.

Maurice Harkless, starting for just the fourth time all season, and C.J. McCollum each added 14 points for the Blazers, who won for the first time against the team chasing them in the Western Conference standings.

Dallas made the game interesting with a late push to trim a 15-point deficit to five with 12.3 seconds left, but the Blazers made five of their six free throws down the stretch to hang

on for the victory.

Former Blazers guard Wesley Matthews paced the Mavericks with 22 points. Salah Mejri, making his fourth start of the season, added 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Dirk Nowitzki scored 21. Dallas fell into a tie with Utah for seventh in the West, and has lost eight of 11.

Lillard sparked a late second-quarter run with six points in the final 1:35 to help Portland regain a lead it would never give back. The Blazers put some distance between them and Dallas with an 8-0 spurt in the third quarter, with the Mavericks using two timeouts to try to quell the

NBA	Dallas	Portland
	103	109

outburst.

Both teams went deep into their benches in the first half, using 10 players apiece as the coaches tried to find an advantage through matchups with frequent substitutions and timeouts.

An already intense affair, things heated up even more with 1:53 to go in the half when McCollum fouled Deron Williams, and then inadvertently clipped Williams' leg.

The Dallas point guard took exception and got into McCollum's face, resulting in double technicals. Less than 20 seconds later, Mejri picked up a technical for jawing at an official.

PENDLETON

Bucks pound Pios

McGlothan, Dick hit homers in Pendleton rout

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SANDY — Heading into a six-day break, the Pendleton Buckaroos made sure they got out any last pent-up aggression against Sandy in a

Softball



Pendleton

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Sandy

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non-league softball game Wednesday. Kala McGlothan and Feather Dick hit home runs and the Bucks scored 12 runs in the top of the sixth inning to put a cap on their 19-1 win, their fourth in the last three days.

Both homers came in the sixth after a pitching change by Sandy. McGlothan (3 for 5) hit hers for two runs and

See BUCKS/2B

STANFIELD

Tigers stay hot against Pirates

Fourteen-run fourth inning initiates Stanfield blowout

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — For the sixth time this season, the Stanfield Tigers baseball team reached the double-digit runs mark in a game.

Stanfield obliterated league foe Riverside 22-1 in a Columbia Bash matchup on Wednesday afternoon, continuing the teams incredible tear to start the season.

Junior Tony Flores that got the start on the mound for the Tigers and he shut out the Pirates over four innings, allowing no hits and just two walks to go with

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PENDLETON

Timberwolves drop softball doubleheader

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The Blue Mountain Timberwolves softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader against Lower Columbia on Wednesday, falling 16-8 in game one and 10-9 in game two.

In game one, Lower Columbia (6-1) put pressure on the Timberwolves (2-11) early with seven runs through the first three frames.

For Blue Mountain, Sarah Bonner racked up two hits, two runs, and three RBI, including bombing her first home run of the season in the bottom of the sixth inning. Laken Cagle and Aunika Turner also tallied home runs for the Timberwolves.

Tiffany Snyder struggled on the mound for Blue Mountain, allowing 11 hits, eight runs and two walks over four innings.

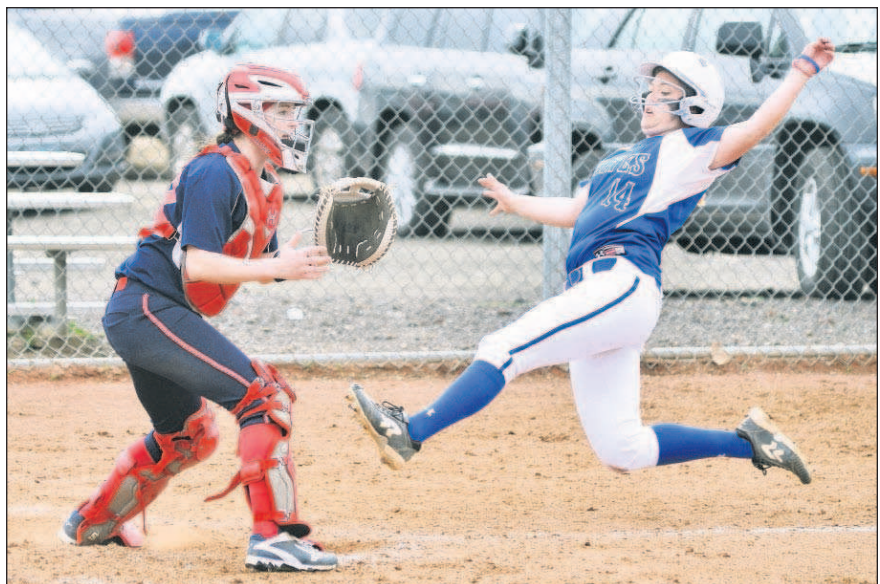
Mary Jane Reser allowed eight runs and seven hits in two innings of relief.

In game two, the Timberwolves couldn't hold on to an early lead as Lower Columbia scored four runs over the final three innings to grab the win.

Turner smashed her second home run of the day on a solo shot in the third inning, while Addy Daubert smacked three hits in the game.

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Game 2	LC	BM	R	H	E
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BMCC's Sara Bonner leaps towards home plate past Lower Columbia's Nicole Bolasky in the second game of a double header Wednesday in Pendleton.

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