

Sports shorts

Spurs match Bulls record streak for home wins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge had 32 points and 12 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs defeated the similarly short-handed Memphis Grizzlies 110-104 on Friday night to match the best home start in league history with their 37th in a row.

San Antonio's streak tied the season-opening mark set by the Chicago Bulls in 1995-96 during their record 72-victory season. The Spurs have won 46 consecutive regular-season games at home, dating to March 2015.

The Spurs won Friday despite Kawhi Leonard missing the game with a bruised right quadriceps and Danny Green, Boris Diaw and Patty Mills all sitting out for rest. The Grizzlies were without injured starters Marc Gasol, Zach Randolph, Mike Conley and three others.



Klinsmann under pressure after loss

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — The United States' path toward the 2018 World Cup became considerably more difficult when coach Jurgen Klinsmann made some puzzling lineup choices and the American defense self-destructed Friday night in a 2-0 loss to Guatemala in Guatemala City.

Edgar Castillo's poor backpass set up corner kicks that led to Rafael Morales' goal in the seventh minute. A goal kick by Paulo Motta went most of the length of the field in the 15th and Carlos Ruiz ran onto the ball, came in alone on goalkeeper Tim Howard and doubled the lead.

Seeking their eighth straight World Cup berth, the Americans had been unbeaten in 21 games against Guatemala since January 1988 and had never lost to Los Chapines in World Cup qualifying but now face a high-pressured rematch Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.

FACES



Klinsmann

"No surgery needed. But I'm a little sore. I told the guys I'm the first one taped on Sunday."

— **Mike Brey**
Notre Dame men's basketball coach of the strained calf muscle he suffered while protesting a call in his team's 61-56 win over Wisconsin on Friday in the Sweet 16.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1946 — Hank Iba's Oklahoma A&M Aggies beat North Carolina 43-40 for their second straight NCAA basketball title. Bob Kurland scores 23 points, including the first two dunks in NCAA Tournament history.

1973 — Bill Walton scores 44 points to help UCLA win its record seventh NCAA championship with an 87-66 triumph over Memphis State.

1992 — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is sentenced to six years in prison for rape.

2006 — George Mason stuns No. 1 seed Connecticut 86-84 in overtime to become the first No. 11 seed to reach the Final Four since LSU in 1986.

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MILTON-FREEWATER



Mac-Hi's Bailey DeBord dives for a grounder in the Pioneers' 11-0 loss to Orofino on Friday in Milton-Freewater.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Maniacs thwart Pioneers



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Orofino's Kolby Brink steals home on a passed ball as Mac-Hi pitcher Justin Carlson waits for the throw in the Pioneers' 11-0 loss to the Maniacs on Friday in Milton-Freewater.

Orofino run-rules Mac-Hi

East Oregonian

Orofino pitcher Hayden Wilson stymied a shorthanded Mac-Hi lineup in a non-league game, and the Maniacs cruised to an 11-0 win in five innings on Friday.

Wilson struck out nine with no walks and only gave up two hits to the Pioneers (1-2), which started six underclassmen.

"He was throwing two pitches for a strike, and when you do that you give yourself a chance to dominate a game," said first-year Mac-Hi coach Mark Michaud of Wilson's fastball and curve. "I wouldn't even say it's us swinging at bad pitches, but that's always part of it when you're pitching well, getting guys to swing at bad pitches. He filled it up and he challenged

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Baseball



Orofino

11



Mac-Hi

0

HERMISTON

Hermiston blows out Pasco

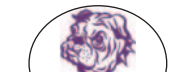
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Softball



Hermiston

11-15



Pasco

0-0

PASCO, Wash. — The Hermiston Bulldogs thoroughly dominated the Pasco Bulldogs in an interstate varsity softball game in Pasco on Friday, never allowing a runner past second base in 12 innings while scoring early and late in the 11-0, 15-0 sweep.

"It was really nice to see the girls be aggressive," first-year Bulldogs coach Kate Greenough said. "They're starting to realize how good they are."

In the opener, the Bulldogs (6-3) used patience and late at-bat adjustments to slowly pull away.

Hermiston got its runners on by seeing pitches, fouling balls off and ultimately, working walks. From there, the visiting Bulldogs continually applied pressure to the home Bulldogs' defense, taking extra bases whenever opportunities presented themselves.

On one occasion, a Hermiston runner scrambled from first to third on a passed ball

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PENDLETON

Bradt, Quinn deal up wins for Buckaroos

Strong pitching highlights pair of Pendleton wins

East Oregonian

BOISE, Idaho — The Pendleton baseball team improved to 3-0 at the Bucks Bags Tournament with a pair of wins on Friday.

James Bradt and Kai Quinn gave the



Buckaroos good starts on the mound and beat Skyline (ID), 1-0, and Jerome (ID), 12-2 in five innings.

Pendleton (6-2) scored its only run against Skyline in the top of the fourth inning when Quinn (2 for 3) reached on a lead-off double, then scored on back-to-back sacrifice flies by Bradt (2 for 2) and Nick Bower.

Bradt pitched four complete and allowed four hits, struck out three and walked three. Jack Peterson tossed the last three, gave up two hits,

struck out five and walked none. Skyline didn't have a runner past second base the entire game.

A walk and an error by the Bucks gave Jerome a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning in their afternoon game, but Pendleton quickly got the run back when Wyatt Morris drew the first of his three walks and later scored on a Devon Roe single in the bottom of the frame.

The Bucks added two runs in the second. Ryan Russell led off with a single, then courtesy runner Gage

See BUCKS/2B

Baseball



Pendleton

1



Skyline

0



Jerome

2



Pendleton

12



AP Photo/Gregory Bull

Oregon head coach Dana Altman attends a news conference before an upcoming regional finals basketball game in the NCAA Tournament Friday, March 25, 2016, in Anaheim, Calif. Oregon faces Oklahoma in an Elite Eight matchup March 26.

Men's College Basketball

Altman: 'I told Dillon to shoot it'

Oregon coach backs Brooks after late-game drama with Coach K

By ABBEY MASTRACCO
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Oregon head coach Dana Altman says that if anyone has a problem with Dillon Brooks' late-game shooting choices or celebrations, they should come to him.

Altman spoke up for his leading scorer Friday after Brooks' celebration of his

last-minute 3-pointer and a postgame conversation with Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski drew almost more attention than the top-seeded Ducks advancing to the Elite Eight.

With Oregon up 79-68 in the final eight seconds of the NCAA West Region semifinal on Thursday, Brooks took a long 3-pointer with the shot clock expiring. He made it and apparently celebrated a little too hard for the Blue Devils' liking, even attempting to goad Duke guard Grayson Allen into a celebration with him.

It became a controversy overnight, and the Ducks are failing to understand why.

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