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T-Wolves softball snaps losing streak

MOSES LAKE — The Blue Mountain Timberwolves softball team split a doubleheader with the Big Bend Vikings on Saturday, taking the first game 11-7 and then losing the second game 11-9. The Timberwolves' win in game one snapped a 16-game losing streak dating back to a 10-2 win over Edmonds on Feb. 28.

Blue Mountain pushed across seven runs in the first inning against the Vikings in Game 1, behind an RBI single from Addy Daubert and a two-RBI double from Sarah Bonner. The Timberwolves added two runs in the third inning and then one run apiece in the fourth and sixth innings to create the cushion.

In Game 2, Blue Mountain was up 9-4 after scoring seven runs in the fourth inning but couldn't hold off Big Bend, which scored 11 runs off 15 hits.



Messi back in hot water over taxes

MADRID (AP) — Spanish tax authorities said Monday they are investigating allegations of tax irregularities involving soccer player Lionel Messi after documents released by an international probe of offshore accounts. Messi's family released a statement denying wrongdoing and threatened to sue media outlets that released the information linking the Argentine player to accounts in Panama. Barcelona said it was supporting Messi and his family.

The soccer star was among those named in reports by international media who received a vast trove of data and documents leaked from Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, which specializes in creating offshore accounts which allegedly can be used to avoid tax.

Messi and his father will go to trial in late May over three previous charges of tax fraud and potentially face nearly two years in prison if found guilty.

"Those that know me, know that I have always demanded excellence from myself. I have let myself and others down. I take full responsibility for my actions."

— **Abby Wambach**
Retired U.S. women's soccer star, who was arrested in Multnomah County over the weekend for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUI) Alcohol.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1915 — Jess Willard beats Jack Johnson in the 26th round to win the world heavyweight boxing title in Havana.

1952 — Henry Wittenberg wins the 191-pound AAU wrestling title for the eighth time. Wittenberg won over 350 bouts in 13 years, including a gold medal in the 1948 Olympics.

1993 — Donald Williams scores 25 points to lead North Carolina to a 77-71 win over Michigan in the NCAA championship.

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Men's College Basketball

Villanova wins national title

Jenkins' buzzer-beater takes down North Carolina

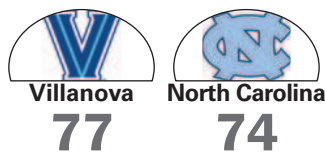
By **EDDIE PELLIS**
Associated Press

HOUSTON — One good shot deserved another.

Kris Jenkins of Villanova wasn't about to be outdone.

Jenkins overcame the shock of watching North Carolina's Marcus Paige hit a double-clutch 3 to tie it by spotting up behind the right side of the arc and draining a 3 of his own at

National Championship



the buzzer to lift Villanova to a 77-74 victory and the national championship Monday night.

What a shot — and what a game.

The second-seeded Wildcats (35-5), had a six-point lead with 1:52 left, but watched it slowly trickle away. It disappeared when Paige jumped — and with

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Villanova players celebrate after the NCAA Final Four tournament college basketball championship game against North Carolina, Monday, April 4, 2016, in Houston. Villanova won 77-74.

AP Photo/Kiichiro Sato

Prep Roundup



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton junior Haley Greb chips her ball out of a bunker on the 12th hole on Monday at Wildhorse Resort & Casino golf course in Mission.

Greb, Som lead Bucks to wins

Hermiston junior Anders Lind watches his putt on the 18th green at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino on Monday in Mission.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Pendleton claims team titles at Wildhorse Invite

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MISSION — Pendleton's Haley Greb and Nathan Som overcame heavy winds and occasional sideways rain to shoot low scores at the Wildhorse Invite on Monday at Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

"The course was playing great but the weather was terrible," said Pendleton boys coach Nels Nelson. "There was a few occasions where you would place your ball on the putting green and then (the wind would blow it and) it would roll, and then you would place it again it would roll. It was miserable there for a little bit."

Pendleton girls coach Terry Prouse said the wind was blowing so hard it was altering shots from the tee box to the green, and affecting the players' ability to hit a sound shot.

"Sometimes when you were trying to

putt you're trying to keep your balance, and you're moving all around," she said. "It's hard enough when the ball is moving but they you're getting blown by the wind too. I thought they did pretty well considering the conditions."

Greb turned in the day's low round with a 78 that gave her the girls' individual title by five strokes over The Dalles' Illiana Telles.

Megan George placed third for the Bucks, and barely missed her second eagle of the day when the wind blew her putt wide of the cup on Hole 10. Pendleton easily took the team title with just three full girls teams competing.

Som shot an 80 that was best in the boys' field and led the Bucks to the team title over Hermiston.

Pendleton's top five all shot 90 or lower to give the Bucks a team score of 335 with the Bulldogs a distant second with 367.

Hermiston's low shooter was Anders Lind, who tied Pendleton's Reilly Hegarty and Sam Kung for fourth place with an 83.

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Pro Baseball

Rangers beat Hernandez, Mariners with one hit



AP Photo/Brandon Wade

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez (34) throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Monday, April 4, 2016, in Arlington, Texas.

First opening day loss for Seattle pitcher

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Prince Fielder shrugged and smiled after his bloop single was the only hit the Texas Rangers needed to hand Felix Hernandez his first opening day loss.

"I've never won like this," the burly slugger said after a 3-2 victory over Seattle on Monday. "Only way you can go is up."

Actually, it was a pretty good way for the defending AL West champs to start, with Cole Hamels overcoming a shaky first two innings and keeping Texas close



before three walks by Hernandez and two errors by the Mariners in a three-run fifth inning put the Rangers in front.

"However we can win a game, especially against Felix Hernandez, I'm good," said Adrian Beltre, whose potential double-play grounder ended up scoring the go-ahead run when shortstop Ketel Marte misplayed it.

Seattle had a chance to join the Boston

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