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Louisville announces more sanctions

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville has announced additional self-imposed sanctions on its men's basketball program in the wake of an escort's allegations, reducing scholarships for the 2017-19 seasons and restricting official recruiting visits and recruiting opportunities for staff.



The school announced Feb. 5 a postseason ban for the Cardinals after its investigation into allegations a former staffer hired an escort and other dancers to entertain recruits and players determined that violations did occur.

A release on Wednesday stated Louisville will lose one scholarship in each of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons with official visits reduced by one each in 2016-17 and '17-18.

Rockies rookie makes MLB history

PHOENIX (AP) — Look out Denver! Here comes Trevor Story.

The 23-year-old rookie made baseball history by becoming the first player

to hit a home run in each of his first three big-league games and the Colorado Rockies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-3 on

Wednesday.

"It's just kind of surreal right now," he said. "It's hard to explain. I can't really put words to it."

Story also is the first player in baseball history to hit a home run for each of his first four hits, according to information provided to the Rockies by the Elias Sports Bureau.

"It was fun to watch him," Rockies manager Walt Weiss said, "a young kid who has dreamt of this his whole life and shows up and is probably better than his dream was — that first game, that first series. ... It is quite a story — pun intended."

"No pressure, no diamonds. ... I'm not trying to let any baggage hold me down from the past, but I do have a massive chip on my shoulder."

— Robert Griffin III

Recently signed Cleveland Browns quarterback on his midset as he prepares for the next chapter in his NFL career. Griffin, 26, had numerous issues during his stint in Washington including a knee injury and tiffs with coaches that relegated him to the bench for the 2015 season.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1956 — Joe Graboski scores 29 points and Paul Arizin 26 as the Philadelphia Warriors beat the Fort Wayne Pistons 99-88 to win the NBA championship in five games.

2010 — Don Nelson sets the NBA career record for victories by a coach in the Golden State Warriors' 116-107 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves. Nelson with 1,333 wins, surpasses Lenny Wilkens to move atop the list.

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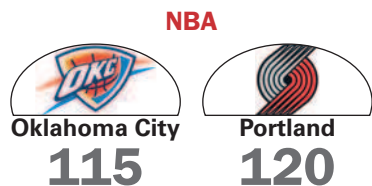
Trail Blazers clinch playoff berth

Aminu, McCollum lead Portland over Oklahoma City

By NICK DASCHEL
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Al-Farouq Aminu scored 27 points, C.J. McCollum had 26 and the Portland Trail Blazers clinched a playoff berth with a 120-115 win over the short-handed Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday night.

Allen Crabbe hit four 3-pointers and scored 16 points for Portland as six Blazers scored in double figures. Portland (43-37) won for the fifth time in six games and became the first team in NBA history to earn a playoff berth while returning a roster that had two or fewer players



with 1,000 or more minutes from the previous season (Damian Lillard, Chris Kaman).

Enes Kanter had a career-high 33 points and 20 rebounds for the Thunder, and Dion Waiters had 25 points.

Oklahoma City, which clinched the West's No. 3 seed with Tuesday's win at Denver, rested four starters, including All-Stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook.

Portland scored a season high for a first half in taking a 72-59 halftime lead, making 25 of 42 shots.

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Portland Trail Blazers guard C.J. McCollum shoots over Oklahoma City Thunder guard Dion Waiters during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Portland won 120-115.

PENDLETON

Timberwolves split with Chukars

Blue Mountain picks up walk-off win in second game of doubleheader

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

With the game deadlocked at 9-9 in the bottom of the ninth inning, Blue Mountain's Chase Labbe stepped to the plate looking to be the team's hero.

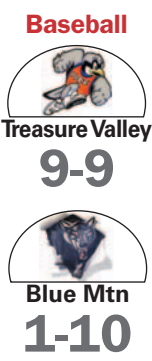
The bases were loaded with two outs and Labbe stared down four-straight pitches outside of the strike zone from Treasure Valley pitcher Branden Cutsforth to earn the walk-off win in Game 2 of Wednesday's doubleheader.

"That was a great win," Timberwolves coach Brad Baker said. "We had the lead and then we blew it but to come back and regain the lead is always something special and it says a lot about this team."

Labbe went 1-3 with two runs scored and the walk in the game, with his lone hit coming on a crucial RBI single in the eighth inning to tie the game at 9-9. Baker said he was confident in Labbe stepping to the plate in the game-winning situation.

"He's always a pretty patient hitter," Baker said. "Chase leads the team in walks so I knew he wouldn't be swinging at bad pitches so I definitely had trust in him so he was definitely a good one to have up there."

The game had a heavy dose of offense to start, as both teams scored a combined 12 runs in the first two innings with the Timberwolves (8-12, 2-4 NWAC East) holding a 7-5 lead. But Blue Mountain found some stability on the mound in the third inning as Nathan Pena came on in relief and allowed no runs



BMCC's Ben Ross dives back to first base as Treasure Valley first baseman Jerrod Seamons waits for the ball in the Timbers' game against the Chukars on Wednesday in Pendleton.



BMCC's Brock Breshears throws from the mound in the Timbers' game against Treasure Valley on Wednesday in Pendleton.

through his first four innings on the mound.

Blue Mountain added a run in

the bottom of the sixth inning when Spencer Cordeiro led off the inning with a double and then came around to score two batters later on a passed ball to give Blue Mountain an 8-5 lead.

But things started to unravel for the Timberwolves in the seventh inning when the Chukars offense started to get to Pena. Treasure Valley (14-13, 2-4) scored one run in the seventh to cut the lead to 8-6, and then scored three runs on three hits in the eighth inning to jump in front with a 9-8 lead.

Pena finished the game allowing four runs on seven hits with two strikeouts and one walk over his 5 2-3 innings of relief for Blue Mountain. However, the Timberwolves battled right back in the bottom half of the eighth inning with the run-scoring single by Labbe scored Cordeiro. And after Timberwolves pitcher Trevor Oldham kept the Chukars off the scoreboard in the top of the ninth inning, the bats came through with two hits and two

walks in the bottom of the ninth to earn the victory.

The win ended a four-game losing streak for Blue Mountain and Baker said he hopes it can act as a little pick-me-up as the Timberwolves move forwarding towards the stretch of the season.

"It's huge when you get in those ruts practices aren't as fun, guys heads are hanging and guys take things a little too serious so now we might see some smiles at practice and good to have some positive energy around," Baker said.

Cordeiro had a big day at the plate, going 4-5 with two runs scored and two RBI, and Oldham went a combined 3-7 with two runs and two RBI over the two games to pace the Timberwolves' offense.

Game 1 of the doubleheader did not go in Blue Mountain's favor, as the Timberwolves fell 9-1 as Treasure Valley starting pitcher Sam Wong held the T-Wolves to just three hits and one run over his 7.2

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Prep Roundup

Greb paces Buckaroos to win at Indian Creek

Pendleton golf has big day in Hood River

East Oregonian

HOOD RIVER — For the second time this week Pendleton's Haley Greb got the better of The Dalles' Illiana Telles as the pair finished 1-2 atop the leaderboard at a golf match in Hood River on Wednesday.

Greb had beaten Telles for medalist honors by seven strokes at Monday's round in Pendleton, but had a much closer margin of victory at Indian Creek Golf Course.

Greb shot a 76 to lead the team-champion Buckaroos, and Telles was right behind her with a

77. In what was essentially a district preview, Pendleton turned in the lowest team score with a 367 while Hermiston was in second with a 396. Hood River and The Dalles carded scores in the high 400's.

Pendleton coach Terry Prouse said it was good for her players to get a preview of the course, which had several tricky holes with ravines, water hazards or elevated tee boxes that increase the level of difficulty.

"It's good to play it so they know what to expect at districts," she said. "Now they've seen it and they know what to do."

"It was a good day. The kids played good. They didn't think they played good, but they did."

Shelby Greb was third with an 80.

Next up for the Bucks is a round at Awbry Glen Golf Course in Bend on Tuesday.

Team Scores	
Pendleton	367
Hermiston	396
The Dalles	475
Hood River	487
Individual medalists	
1, Haley Greb, PHS	76
2, Illiana Telles, The Dalles	77
3, Shelby Greb, PHS	80
Team	
Pendleton (367) — Haley Greb 76, Shelby Greb 80, McKenna Pratt 100, Megan George 111, Rylee Harris 125.	

PENDLETON 326 — At Hood River, the Pendleton boys golfers were the class of the course on Wednesday at Indian Creek Golf Course as every player came in under 90 for the team title with a score of 326.

Reilly Hegarty paced the Buckaroos with a 78 that was good for second place overall. The Dalles' Tyler Vasser won with a 77.

Rounding out Pendleton's score were Nathan Som (82), Sam Kung (83), Brayden Pulver (83) and Jared Geier (88).

"It was just a perfect day," said Pendleton coach Nels Nelson. "It was a good experience for (the players) because it's a little bit different conditions as far as greens and slope. The greens were excellent, but there's a lot of break to them, they were pretty firm and fast."

Pendleton's next round will be on Monday at Bend Country Club.

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