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Timbers' Nagbe latest de Jong victim

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) Timbers midfielder Darlington Nagbe has a sprained left ankle and won't play in Portland's game against Dallas Wednesday night, becoming the latest player to miss time because of a Nigel de Jong challenge.



Coach Caleb Porter confirmed Nagbe's injury following practice Tuesday. Nagbe also is likely to miss Saturday's game against New York City FC.

De Jong broke the legs of American midfielder Stuart Holden and Newcastle winger Hatem Ben Arfa in 2010, the same year the Dutchman kicked Spain's Xabi Alonso in the chest during the World Cup final.

Referee Allen Chapman gave de Jong a yellow card Sunday. Major League Soccer's disciplinary committee could issue a suspension.

Harbaugh blasts NCAA decision

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Jim Harbaugh has fired back at the NCAA. The Michigan coach says, "the incompetence

of the NCAA has reared its ugly head yet again," in a story published Tuesday by Sports Illustrated.

Harbaugh was reacting to Friday's decision that bars football coaches from having camps or clinics away from campus or facilities that schools regularly use for practice or games.

The NCAA sided with the Southeastern and Atlantic Coast conferences' proposal to stop Harbaugh's so-called satellite camps.

The envelope-pushing coach, whose sweeping tour of the South last year created a stir, already had stops lined up in Florida and Alabama this year.

"I grew up a die-hard Laker fan, so it's like a dream come true for a kid to grow up and play for his favorite team, and play here for 20 years. I've seen the city grow. I've seen the city develop. There's no place I'd rather end my career."

— **Kobe Bryant**
Los Angeles Lakers guard speaking to the media on Tuesday as he prepares for the final game of his 20-year NBA career as the Lakers host the Utah Jazz today at 7:30 p.m.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1972 — The first player strike in baseball history ends and the season is set to start April 15.

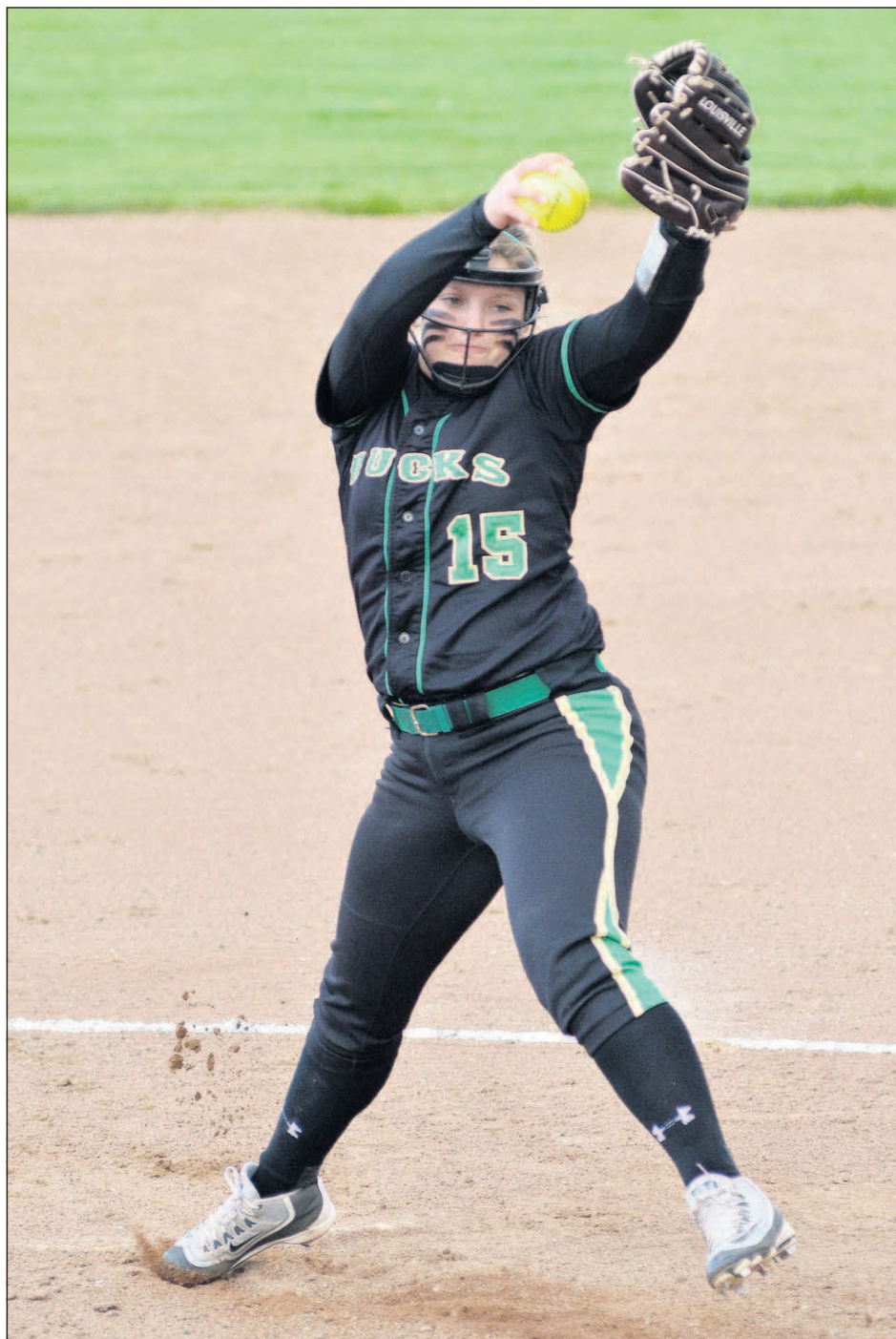
1986 — Jack Nicklaus wins the Masters for a record sixth time and at 46 becomes the oldest to win the event.

1997 — Tiger Woods wins the Masters by a record 12 strokes at Augusta National. Closing with a 69, Woods finished at 18-under 270, the lowest score in the Masters and matching the most under par by anyone in any of the four Grand Slam events.

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PENDLETON

Buckaroos blank Pioneers



Pendleton's Kiersten Murphy throws the ball from the pitching circle in the Bucks' 10-0 win against the Pioneers on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Murphy allows just two hits in five innings for Pendleton

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Softball

Mac-Hi	Pendleton
0	10

Going into the Pendleton Buckaroos final non-league game on Tuesday, coach Tim Cary had a gameplan to use all three of his pitchers to keep them sharp heading into the CRC slate.

But once the Buckaroos hit the field against the Mac-Hi Pioneers, that plan quickly changed.

Pendleton starter Kiersten Murphy pitched five shutout innings on the mound, holding a solid Mac-Hi lineup to a mere two hits and two walks to go along with four strikeouts as she led her Buckaroos to a 10-0 win over the Pioneers at Steve Cary Field.

"This was her best game of the year," Cary said

following the game. "She threw it well, she hit her spots and got ahead in the count more consistently than she has all year so far."

Both of Mac-Hi's hits came from the leadoff spot in the order, as Rachel Lyon landed a bloop single in left field and then a solid single into center field.

Pendleton's (11-2) offense got off to a sluggish start against Mac-Hi starting pitcher Mallory Copeland, as the Buckaroos managed two hits with three strikeouts

See BUCKAROOS/2B



Pendleton's Alexis Morrison steals third base as Mac-Hi's Micha Fortune attempts to make the tag on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Prep Roundup

Thieme untouchable for Rockets

Pilot Rock pitcher throws perfect game in league opener

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PILOT ROCK — Levi Thieme pitched a perfect game and the Pilot Rock baseball team overpowered Weston-McEwen 10-0 in five innings to open league play on Tuesday.

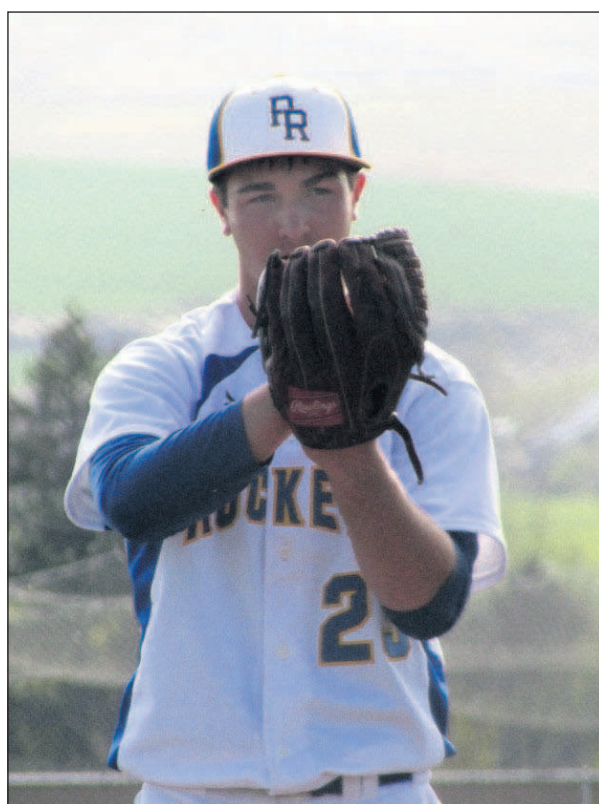
Thieme was dominant and needed just 64 pitches to retire the 15 batters he faced. He threw 11 first-pitch strikes and finished with 11 strikeouts.

The Rockets (11-1, 1-0 SD7) scored the eventual game-winning run in the first inning when Weston-McEwen pitcher Jimmy Patrick walked the bases full for Tracker Denny, who hit a hard grounder to second to score Cody Watson. Thieme also scored on an error on the same play.

Weston-McEwen (8-3, 0-1) committed five errors in the game.

Chris Weinke went 2 for 2 at the plate with three RBI and two runs to lead the Rocket offense. Bryson Pierce added a pair of RBI and Josh Willingham scored three times.

The two teams meet back up to complete their season series with a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m. on



Pilot Rock pitcher Levi Thieme goes into his windup while facing Weston-McEwen in a baseball game on Tuesday in Pilot Rock. Thieme threw a perfect game and Pilot Rock won 10-0 in five innings.

Contributed photo courtesy of Lela Thieme

Saturday in Athena.

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L. Thieme and C. Weinke. J. Patrick, T. Hendley (4), H. Sater (6) and G. Shell. W — Thieme. L — Patrick.

IRRIGON 16, DUFUR 0 (5 innings) — At Irrigon, the Irrigon Knights scored their first run of the league season before recording

their first hit in a mercy-rule win over Dufur on Tuesday.

After Austin Rice struck out the side to open the game, Fredy Vera reached on an error to open the bottom of the first inning.

Rice then walked and Vera went to third on a passed ball. When Dufur (2-8, 0-1 SD6) made an error

See PREPS/2B

HERMISTON

Bulldogs dominate Pendleton netters

Hermiston shuts out Buckaroos in boys and girls tennis

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Hermiston's experienced lineup made quick work of Pendleton's youth-filled roster for a 6-0 win in a boys' tennis meeting between rival schools.

Heated in other sports, the rivalry was not evident on Tuesday as two teams in much different stages of development came into the meeting knowing the

Hermiston
6

Pendleton
0

See TENNIS/2B

Beltre's hitting, Holland's pitching lead Rangers past Mariners

By JOSH LIEBESKIND
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Adrian Beltre drove in five runs, Derek Holland pitched scoreless ball into the seventh inning and the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 8-0 on Tuesday night.

Holland (1-0) gave up four hits and two walks while striking out four in 6 2/3 innings.

Beltre golfed a third-inning homer that barely cleared the fence in left field to give Texas a 5-0 lead. He added a two-run double in the seventh. Mariners starter Wade Miley

(0-1) gave up six earned runs on 10 hits and struck out seven in six innings.

Elvis Andrus and Bryan Holaday both drove runners in with singles off reliever Tony Zych.

The Mariners had only a pair of infield hits in the first four innings and finished with four hits for the game — all singles.

The Rangers duo of Andrew Faulkner and Phil Klein combined to pitch 2 2/3 scoreless innings out of the bullpen.

Texas	Seattle
8	0

Miley stayed in the game despite colliding with catcher Chris Iannetta in the third inning.

Iannetta waved off Miley as both charged a bunt attempt in front of the plate. Miley continued to sprint toward the ball and Iannetta's spikes caught his left ankle. Miley limped in front of the mound as a trainer attended to him, but he was deemed healthy enough after a couple test pitches.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: Relief pitcher Joaquin

Benoit is still listed as day to day with shoulder stiffness. He dealt with the same problem during spring training.

Rangers: The Rangers could miss starting catcher Robinson Chirinos for up to three months, but his fill-ins so far look just fine. Holaday was the latest to impress with a pair of runs on Tuesday.

UP NEXT
Mariners: Taijuan Walker starts the series finale against Texas on Wednesday. The RHP is searching for his first win this season after taking a no-decision his first time out in the 2016 campaign.