

# TRACK: Small schools win 16 events

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"Just because it's such a big meet we kind of spread our kids out a little bit so they haven't done nearly as many events as they usually do," assistant coach Marianne Smith said. "So they've had a chance to focus on their solid events, and they've done great."

Small schools were well represented as well and ended up winning 16 event titles including those that were shared.

"There was great competition," Breshears said. "There may be some small schools but out of those small schools you see a lot of great competition and it's wonderful for our kids to have that too."

Pilot Rock had a pair of wins for each its girls and boys. Abby Rigby ran a personal record to win the girls' 400-meters in 1:01.06 and Gunner McCall won the boys' 400 in 53.66. Rachel Willingham won the girls' 300 hurdles in 50.10 and Devin Hasher won the boys' high jump with 6-1.

Weston-McEwen's Hayden Scott won in the 1,500 and runner-up finish in the 800. After Cove's Alex Graffunder nosed into the lead midway through the 1,500, Scott out-kicked him over the last 200 meters to win by two seconds in 4:13.19. But despite running a PR of 2:04.28 in the 800 he was unable to hold off Walla Walla's Fernando Ortiz who won at the tape by .27 seconds.

Stanfield's Larissa Castellanos tied for first in pole vault and teammate Maya Gadsden tied for the high jump win. Riverside's boys' 4x400 relay team of Quincy Castillo, Noe



Weston-McEwen's Hayden Scott leads the pack in the boys' 1500-meter run on Friday in Pendleton.

Madrigal, Alejandro Llamas, David Rodriguez also won in 3:47.08.

Umatilla's Maria Moreno-Mendez was second in discus (84-9) and third in javelin (98-05).

"In general all of our kids, they just competed well," said Umatilla coach Kaycee Ferguson. "It's been exciting because we have a bunch of kids PRing every week and so it's

neat to see their personal growth and improvement. There's kids that are showing really sparks of something amazing to come and it's really neat to see the group as a whole. Everybody's growing and improving."

lone's Jessie Flynn was second in long jump (15-4.75), Rachel Holland was second in javelin (105-5) and Cord Flynn was second in boys' discus (112-2).

# Things to watch in NBA playoffs

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The NBA playoffs start this weekend, and there's no shortage of story lines worth following. Here's a list of 10 to get you started:

## THE WARRIORS

We begin with the reigning champions, the favorites to capture back-to-back titles. Golden State set the NBA record with a 73-9 regular season, and the Warriors' reward to open the playoffs is a rematch of last season's Western Conference finals against the Houston Rockets. It's a matchup of the game's two best scorers this season — Stephen Curry and James Harden. The Warriors are 12-1 in their last 13 against the Rockets and Curry has sizzled in those games, shooting 54 percent from the field and 50 percent from 3-point range.

## TIM DUNCAN

He merits his own mention for this reason: Duncan has a chance to play in more postseason victories than anyone in the history of the NBA. He's been in 151 so far in his legendary career with the Spurs. Only Derek Fisher (161), Robert Horry (155) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (154) have played in more wins at this time of year.

## LEBRON JAMES

In 10 previous trips to the playoffs, James has reached at least the second

round all 10 times. His teams (Cleveland, then Miami, then Cleveland again) are a staggering 40-7 in first-round games, and James is on a personal 13-game winning streak in those opening matchups. James just finds ways to lift his game in the playoffs, playing huge minutes. And consider this one: Among players in this postseason, no one has more assists in their playoff career than James.

## THE DURANT WATCH

This season has been one long countdown to Kevin Durant Watch 2016, otherwise known as what the Oklahoma City star will do this summer when free agency arrives. Durant has gotten the questions plenty of times this season, and when — or if, more accurately — the Thunder fall behind in a postseason series it's a safe bet speculation will ramp up quickly about how what's going on in these playoffs will influence the decision he makes in July. This will be especially true if the Thunder, the No. 3 seed out West, get into early trouble.

## RAPTORS' DROUGHT

This has been the best regular season in Toronto history, a 56-26 mark that got the Raptors the No. 2 seed in the East. But this season's real goal for the Raptors has been finally getting some playoff

success. Toronto was swept out of the first round last year, has lost its last five opening-round series and has reached the East semi-finals once — in 2001. It's not exactly an easy draw for Toronto, which gets Indiana in the first round. The Pacers have won their last three opening-round series.

## CLOSE GAMES

Makes sense, given that the best teams tend to make for better matchups. Last year, 59 percent of the playoff games were decided by no more than 10 points. Having said that, there were only two Game 7's last year, and the Los Angeles Clippers were in both — they beat San Antonio in the first round, and lost to Houston in the second round.

## ROOKIE STRUGLES

It's hard enough for rookies to get through the rigors of an 82-game regular season as it is, which might explain why it hasn't exactly been common of late for a first-year guy to put up big postseason numbers. Only two players in the last five seasons — Harrison Barnes and Kawhi Leonard — have capped their rookie years with 100 points or more in the playoffs. And no rookie has come up with 200 points in a postseason since Miami's Dwyane Wade had 234 back in 2004.

# PREPS: Echo lights up scoreboard with 34 runs in Friday's sweep over Elgin

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**VALE 14-12, RIVERSIDE 3-2** — At Boardman, the Riverside Pirates remain winless in Eastern Oregon League play after being swept by the Vale Vikings in a doubleheader on Friday.

Riverside (1-12, 0-6 EOL) was hurt by its combined 16 errors in both games, including a season-high 12 errors in game one.

In that first game, Aramis Corpus started on the mound and threw a complete game allowing 10 hits, 12 runs (six earned runs), two walks and one strikeout. Ulises Calvillo went 1-2 with a stolen base, while Mason Hegar also went 1-2 with an RBI.

In game two, Derek Bingaman started on the mound and went three innings while allowing six hits, 11 runs (five earned runs), three walks with one strikeout. Anthony Rodelo tossed two innings of relief

and picked up two strikeouts. Corpus was the top performer on offense, going 1-3 with one run scored, an RBI, and a stolen base. Sterling Bither and Wayne Killion also each added one hit apiece.

Game 1	VHS	504	23	R	H	E
RHS	100	02	—	14	8	1
Fortin, Bingaman and Rodelo (4). W — Fortin, L — Bingaman. 2B — Towers (VHS).						
Game 2	VHS	160	41	R	H	E
RHS	100	01	—	12	10	1
W — Towers, L — Corpus. 2B — Perry (VHS).						

**MAC-HI 2-3, LA GRANDE 8-2** — At La Grande, Jesus Vela was cruising with a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning when back-to-back defensive mistakes and an unlucky injury ended his game in the first half of a Greater Oregon League doubleheader against La Grande on Friday.

A line drive off his throwing hand sent Vela to the bench, and La Grande

(7-9, 2-2 GOL) scored three runs in the inning to take the lead for good in a game it would win 8-2.

But Hunter Yensen pitched a complete game with nine strikeouts to lead the Pioneers (3-7, 1-3) to the split and their first league win of the season in Game 2.

Mac-Hi scored the winning run in the top of the eighth inning. Miguel Garcia was hit by a pitch, Bailey Debord walked and Keaton Smith hit an infield single to load the bases with one out, then Justin Carlson hit a sacrifice fly to bring in the winning run.

La Grande got its leadoff batter on in the bottom of the inning but Yensen kept him from advancing past second.

Mac-Hi's next game is Monday at College Place (WA) at 4 p.m.

Game 1	M-H	000	110	0	R	H	E
LHS	010033	X	—	2	7	2	
J. Vela, M. Garcia and Z. Crisman. Z. Jacobs, J. Gonzalez (7) and G. Vaughn. W							

— Jacobs, L — Vela. 2B — T. Shafer, G. Vaughn 2 (LHS). 3B — A. Goss (LHS).

Game 2	M-H	110000	01	R	H	E	
LHS	010001	00	—	3	5	0	
H. Yensen and K. Smith. R. Adams, I. Chamberlain (8) and G. Vaughn, T. Shafer (2). W — Yensen, L — Adams. 2B — G. Vaughn.							

## SOFTBALL

**ECHO 17-17, ELGIN 1-1** — At Echo, the Cougars offense teed off against Elgin pitching to score a combined 34 runs in the doubleheader sweep on Friday afternoon.

In game one, the Cougars (11-3, 6-0 EOL) racked up 15 hits to run away with the victory, led by Cheyenne Hillard going 3-3 with two runs, two RBI, and two walks from the lead-off spot. MacKenzie Gonzales also added two hits, two runs and three RBI at the plate, while also pitching five innings allowing just one run on one hit with eight strikeouts.

In game two, Alyssa Ray got the start for Echo and also allowed just one run on one hit and struck out six Elgin

batters, while the Cougars offense backed her up with 16 hits and the 17 runs.

Kenzie Blankenship blasted a fourth inning home run and finished the day a combined 3-3 with four runs scored and three RBI. Monique Montoya also had a strong day at the plate, finishing 3-5 with five runs scored and three RBI out of the No. 6 spot in the batting order.

Game 1	ELG	001	00	R	H	E
ECH	548	0X	—	17	15	6
W — Gonzales, L — McGinness. 2B — Hilliard, Gonzales (ECH).						
Game 2	ELG	000	01	R	H	E
ECH	941	3X	—	17	16	1
W — Ray, L — McGinness. 2B — McCarty, Barnes (ECH). 3B — Pollock (ECH). HR — Noble (ELG), Blankenship (ECH).						

**VALE 11-11, RIVERSIDE 8-0** — At Boardman, the Riverside Pirates could not keep the Vale Vikings offense at bay, as the Vikings scored 22 runs on 29 hits to sweep the Pirates on Friday.

Skyler Wightman started

on the mound for Riverside (6-9, 2-6 EOL) in both games and ended up the losing pitcher in both. Stephanie Stokoe was the leading hitter on the day finishing a combined 3-5 at the plate.

Game 1	VHS	002304	2	R	H	E
RHS	300023	0	—	11	16	2
W — Hanley, L — Wightman.						
Game 2	VHS	104	15	R	H	E
RHS	100	00	—	11	13	0
W — Treakli, L — Wightman.						

## TENNIS

**HERMISTON 5, HOOD RIVER 3** — At Hood River, the Hermiston Bulldogs girls tennis team pulled together for a win over the Hood River Eagles on Friday afternoon.

- Singles**  
Montsie Granadio (HR) def. Katelyn Millard 6-3, 2-6, 10-4  
Jaycee Terres (HE) def. Nikki Paulus 6-2, 6-3  
Kirby Joseph (HR) def. Lindsey McAllister 7-5, 6-1  
Bianca Badillo (HR) def. Sydney Moore 6-3, 6-4  
**Doubles**  
Mackenzie Hill/Chy Peterson (HE) def. Tial Semmes/Camryn Chambers 6-0, 6-0  
Whitney McMahon/Kylie Markwick (HE) def. Bianca Badillo/Ruby Dosier 6-2, 6-2  
Reed Middleton/Brenea Wadekamper

# MARINERS: King Felix set to face off against Sabathia on Saturday

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Nuno retired Mark Teixeira on a grounder with the bases loaded to end the sixth, protecting a 4-1 lead. First baseman Adam Lind made a nifty scoop on a bounced throw by shortstop Ketel Marte for the final out.

Luis Severino (0-2) gave up four runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings. Sharp last year

as a rookie, he was tagged for a career-worst 10 hits by Detroit last week in his first start of the season.

"Sometimes pitchers get off to slow starts. Sometimes hitters get off to slow starts," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "Everything can change with one good outing and then all of a sudden your numbers don't look so bad." Franklin Gutierrez had a

sacrifice fly as a pinch hitter against ex-Mariners pitcher Tyler Olson and added an RBI double.

Brett Gardner homered in the New York first. That was all the Yankees managed to score as they began a nine-game homestand.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: It wasn't certain before the game whether righty setup man Joaquin

Benoit would be available. He hasn't pitched since last Friday because of tightness in his back and shoulder.

## LOTS OF LEFTIES

Including switch-hitters, 15 of the 18 batters in the starting lineups came up swinging lefty. The only pure right-handers: Nelson Cruz and Iannetta of the Mariners, and Starlin Castro of the Yankees. Chase

Headley started in the ninth spot for the first time in his career — Girardi said he was trying to break up the lefties in the lineup.

## UP NEXT

Mariners: Felix Hernandez (0-1, 0.69 ERA) makes his third start of the season, looking for his first win and some run support. He is 5-1 with a 1.38 ERA in eight starts at the new Yankee

Stadium. Teixeira has hit six home runs off him, the most by any batter vs. King Felix.

Yankees: CC Sabathia makes his second start after winning with six innings at Detroit in his season debut. He'll become the 10th pitcher to make 200 career starts with multiple teams, having also done it with Cleveland.

## SCOREBOARD

### Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL
<b>Today</b> Irrigon at Dufur (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m. Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 11 a.m./1 p.m.
<b>Monday</b> Grant Union at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
<b>PREP GOLF</b> <b>Monday</b> Pendleton at Hood River (DH), Noon/2 p.m. Pendleton (girls) at Bend CC, 10 a.m. The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), Noon/2:30 p.m.
<b>Monday</b> College Place at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b> Joseph at Umatilla (DH), 1/3 p.m. Pilot Rock at Burns, 3:30 p.m. Culver at Irrigon, 4 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Sherman, 4 p.m. Heppner at Dufur, 4 p.m. Hood River at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m. Hermiston at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.
<b>PREP SOFTBALL</b> <b>Today</b> Culver at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m. Irrigon at Union (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Echo (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
<b>Monday</b> Pendleton at Hood River (DH), Noon/2 p.m. The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b> Burns at Heppner (DH), 1/3 p.m.
<b>Monday</b> Hermiston at Kennewick, 4 p.m. Echo at Dayton, 4 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b> Enterprise at Umatilla (DH), 1/3 p.m. Burns at Pilot Rock, 3:30 p.m. Hermiston at The Dalles, 4 p.m. Culver at Irrigon, 4 p.m. Heppner at Union, 4 p.m. Hood River at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m. Walla Walla at Mac-Hi, 5 p.m.
<b>PREP TRACK &amp; FIELD</b> <b>Today</b> Pendleton, Umatilla at Pasco (Wash.)

ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk		
Hood River	0-0-9-3	87	54	5	
Pendleton	0-0-9-4	97	55	15	
Hermiston	0-0-7-5	55	42	11	
The Dalles	0-0-6-6	75	68	17	
Greater Oregon League (4A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Ontario	3-1	9-4	134	91	8
Baker	2-2	7-6	72	61	12
La Grande	2-2	7-9	71	70	25
Mac-Hi	1-3	3-6	44	87	26
Eastern Oregon League (3A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Stanfield	6-0	15-1	206	31	6
Vale	6-0	10-4	135	68	13
Nyssa	3-1	7-7	113	119	20
Elgin	2-2	2-7	42	93	25
Umatilla	1-5	5-8	80	116	17
Joseph	0-4	1-9	49	102	31
Riverside	0-6	1-12	33	155	33
Special District 6 (2A/1A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Sherman	2-1	9-3	123	53	6
Irrigon	1-0	6-3	93	44	15
Culver	1-2	5-6	66	116	12
Heppner	0-0	1-4	38	53	21
Dufur	0-1	2-8	57	87	29
Special District 7 (2A/1A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Burns	3-0	9-5	118	75	10
Pilot Rock	1-0	1-1	116	42	2
Grant Union	0-0	3-8	75	99	36
Wes.-McC.	0-1	8-3	123	82	4
Union	0-3	0-8	22	110	43
Columbia River Conference (5A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Pendleton	0-0	11-2	131	45	8
The Dalles	0-0	11-3	150	56	7
Hermiston	0-0	8-5	101	62	6
Hood River	0-0	6-6	70	75	14
Greater Oregon League (4A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Mac-Hi	4-0	13-3	127	52	3

La Grande	2-2	6-8	128	101	14
Baker	1-3	9-4	133	85	15
Ontario	1-3	5-5	87	74	17
Eastern Oregon League (3A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Echo	6-0	11-3	181	44	7
Vale	6-0	8-3	113	70	5
Wes.-McC.	4-0	7-2	104	41	4
Enterprise	2-2	4-6	79	116	22
Nyssa	2-4	2-11	90	165	27
Riverside	2-5	6-9	116	134	20
Grant Union	0-0	5-2	70	58	14
Elgin	0-4	0-6	12	79	32
Umatilla	0-6	1-11	37	204	35
Special District 6 (2A/1A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Pilot Rock	1-0	9-1	113	17	2
Burns	1-0	8-2	67	42	6
Union	1-0	5-0	54	24	1
Irrigon	0-1	7-2	78	23	5
Culver	0-1	5-5	82	87	20
Heppner	0-1	3-6	70	87	23
Special District 6 (2A/1A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Sherman	2-1	9-3	123	53	6
Irrigon	1-0	6-3	93	44	15
Culver	1-2	5-6	66	116	12
Heppner	0-0	1-4	38	53	21
Dufur	0-1	2-8	57	87	29
Special District 7 (2A/1A)	ConfOvr	RS	RA	Rnk	
Burns	3-0	9-5	118	75	10
Pilot Rock					