

Sports shorts

Reds swipe five bases in one inning, beat Rockies

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sensing that Jorge De La Rosa wasn't paying attention, the Reds were off and running. Jay Bruce had two of the Reds' five steals in the second inning off De La Rosa — their biggest inning on the bases in roughly a century — and Cincinnati held on for a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night.

Brandon Phillips had four hits, and Billy Hamilton doubled home two runs during Cincinnati's four-run second inning off De La Rosa (1-2). The inning included those record five steals off the left-hander's slow move to the plate. The Reds hadn't stolen so many bases during an inning since at least the 1920s, per information provided by the teams from the Elias Sports Bureau.



Clippers guard named Sixth Man for third time

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Clippers guard Jamal Crawford has won the Sixth Man Award, becoming the first three-time winner as the NBA's best reserve.

Crawford received 51 first-place votes and 341 points Tuesday from a panel of 130 writers and broadcasters in the U.S. and Canada. NBA Finals MVP Andre Iguodala of Golden State was second with 288 points (33 first-place votes), and Oklahoma City's Enes Kanter finished third with 182 points.

Crawford averaged 14.2 points in 79 games, coming off the bench in 74. He ranked second in the NBA in free throw percentage at 90.4 percent.

The 16-year veteran added this win to his awards in 2009-2010 with Atlanta and 2013-14 with the Clippers.

"I can assure you that the athletes will not have any problems in games time, nor any of you in your events."

— Agberto Guimaraes

Rio sports director to members of the Association of Olympic International Sports Federations, which reviewed the status of the Rio Games on Monday. The The AOISF Tnoted concerns in "each field of play" that could affect scoring systems and athlete safety. The Olympics open in less than four months on Aug. 5.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1912 — Fenway Park opens in Boston with the Red Sox beating the New York Yankees 7-6 in 11 innings.
1997 — Chicago's Michael Jordan wins an unprecedented ninth scoring title with an average of 29.6 points, the first time in those nine seasons that he fails to average at least 30 points.
2006 — Julio Franco , 47, becomes the oldest player in major league history to hit a home run, helping the New York Mets rally for a 7-2 win over San Diego.

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PENDLETON

Hood River holds off Pendleton

Pendleton's Rylee Gentner slides safe into third base as Laney Erikson, of Hood River Valley, waits for the throw Tuesday at Steve Cary Field.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



McGlothlin homer can't spark Buckaroos

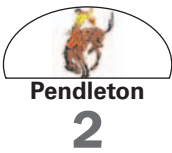
By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Hood River pitcher Hannah McNerney held one of the state's most explosive lineups in check for a second-straight outing, and this time she got just enough support to earn a win after the Eagles held off Pendleton 3-2 on Tuesday at Steve Cary Field.

McNerney was on the rubber in Pendleton's 2-1 win Saturday in the second half of a Columbia River Conference doubleheader, and has allowed just four runs in two games against team that has averaged nearly 10 per game in its other contests.

McNerney was consistent but not overpowering, however. She

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finished with four strikeouts and one walk, and much of her success could be attributed to her teammates' strong fielding and some plain old bad luck on Pendleton's part.

The Bucks (13-3, 2-1 CRC) had several hard-hit balls that went directly to Eagles (8-8, 1-2) fielders.

"She's a fairly good pitcher and we just needed to get on a rally, and we could do it, but I guess today

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PENDLETON

Eagles pile on to beat Bucks

Pendleton winless in basement of league standings

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

After the first week of competition in the Columbia River Conference, it's clear the Pendleton Buckaroos have some work to do.

With three games complete on their conference schedule, the Buckaroos sit in the basement of the standings following an 11-5 defeat at the hands of the Hood River Valley Eagles on Tuesday afternoon at Bob White Park. The loss drops the Buckaroos (9-7) to 0-3 in the

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton right fielder Gage Correa makes a running catch in the Bucks' 11-5 loss against Hood River on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Trail Blazers look to avoid 0-2 deficit

First-round series shifts to Los Angeles

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Heat star Dwyane Wade often can be heard saying at playoff time that a series hasn't truly started until somebody wins on the home floor of its opponent.

Portland probably can appreciate that sort of thinking.

A two-day break between its Game 1 road loss on Sunday and the Game 2 that awaits when the series resumes Wednesday night means the Trail Blazers have ample time to make adjustments.

"Two days in between games kind of helps to at least look at the game a few more times and decide what you want to do," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "We're not going to reinvent ourselves in two days."

Of course, it also means the Clippers have plenty of time to anticipate what's coming as well.

"Now you have to think ahead and try to see what, if you were in their position, what adjustments you would make and be prepared for that," Wade said.

Expect great urgency from the road team Wednesday, since it's clear what an 0-2 deficit means in the postseason. Since 2008, 53 of the last 55 teams to win the first two games of an NBA playoff series have ultimately prevailed. No team has advanced after trailing 0-2 since Memphis against the Clippers in 2013.

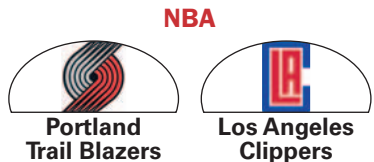
It might sound silly, but Portland lost by 20 in Game 1 and found a lot to like about the game.

The Blazers missed 50 of their 83 shots, and 20 of their 30 tries from 3-point range — and go into Game 2 thinking that if the same opportunities present themselves



AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

Portland Trail Blazers head coach Terry Stotts watches action in the second half in Game 1 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Los Angeles Clippers, Sunday, April 17, 2016, in Los Angeles. The Clippers won 115-95.



Clippers lead series 1-0
Game 1: Clippers 115, Trail Blazers 95
Game 2: Today at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m. (TNT)
Game 3: Saturday at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Game 4: Monday, April 25 at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (TNT)
Game 5: April 27 at Los Angeles, TBD
Game 6: April 29 at Portland, TBD
Game 7: May 1 at Los Angeles, TBD

Wednesday, the outcome could be different.

"They played as good a game as they've played in a while," Portland guard Damian Lillard said of the Clippers. "We just have to under-

stand that the things we saw on film, if we clean up some of those things offensively and defensively, then we'll have a chance. We know we'll have a chance."

Blake Griffin had his best game since returning from injury for the Clippers, finishing with 19 points and 12 rebounds in Game 1. Los Angeles is 6-0 with Griffin since he returned to the lineup.

"He wants to get his game going," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

And Chris Paul simply controlled Game 1, the Clippers outscoring the Blazers by 29 points in Paul's 33 minutes of play.

"They go as Damian goes," Clippers guard Austin Rivers said. "Our focus was to stop him and limit everybody else as well. And I still think we can do a better job of that."

Prep Roundup

Root, Bulldogs out-duel The Dalles

Hermiston baseball scores late for win

East Oregonian

THE DALLES — Hermiston's Chase Root out-duelled The Dalles' Boston



Bate as both pitchers went the distance in the Bulldogs' 3-1 Columbia River Conference baseball win Tuesday.

Root allowed one earned run on six hits and one walk. He struck out 11.

"He did a great job to keep them off balance all game," said Hermiston assistant coach John Christy. "He was able to control three pitches today and hit his spots."

The Dalles (7-8, 1-2 CRC) took the lead in the third inning when Colin Noonan reached on a single and stole second, then scored on a Colton Walker single, but that was all the damage Root would allow.

Hermiston (9-6, 2-1) tied
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