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Appeals court says Brady must serve suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady must serve a four-game “Deflategate” suspension imposed by the NFL, a federal appeals court ruled Monday, overturning a lower judge and siding with the league in a battle with the players union.

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A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan ruled 2-to-1 that Commissioner Roger Goodell did not deprive Brady of “fundamental fairness” with his procedural rulings. The split decision may end the legal debate over the scandal that led to months of football fans arguing over air pressure and the reputation of one of the league’s top teams.

Walker dominant as M’s beat Astros

SEATTLE (AP) — Taijuan Walker tied his career-high with 11 strikeouts over seven innings, Leonys Martin and Kyle Seager hit solo homers and the Seattle Mariners beat the Houston Astros 3-2 on Monday night for their eighth win in 11 games.

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Walker was overpowering in his fourth start of the season. The 23-year-old went seven innings and struck out the final six batters he faced, setting down the Astros in order in the sixth and seventh innings. He got Erik Kratz looking to end the seventh on a 97 mph fastball.

It was the third time in his young career Walker (2-0) has struck out 11.

“He’s an idiot. Don’t listen to — he’s an idiot. That’s what we’ve got to say about that. He’s an idiot. Next question.”

— **Russell Westbrook** Oklahoma City Thunder guard on pregame comments by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban that Kevin Durant was the only superstar on the Thunder’s roster. Westbrook had 36 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, and the Thunder beat the Mavericks 118-104 on Monday night to win the first-round playoff series 4-1 and advance to the Western Conference semifinals.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1905 — Jack McCarthy of the Cubs became the only outfielder in major league history to throw out three runners at the plate, each the second out of a double play. The victims were the Pittsburgh Pirates in a 2-1 loss.

1964 — The Boston Celtics capture their sixth consecutive NBA title with a 105-99 victory over the San Francisco Warriors in Game 5 of the finals.

1995 — The Colorado Rockies defeat the New York Mets 11-9 in 14 innings, tying the NL record for innings played in a season opener.

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NBA Playoffs

Portland pulls even in series



AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Day

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard reacts after making a three point basket during the second half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series against the Los Angeles Clippers Monday, April 25, 2016, in Portland, Ore. The Trail Blazers won 98-84.

Paul leaves with broken hand, Blazers beat Clippers

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Al-Farouq Aminu scored a career-high 30 points and the Portland Trail Blazers pulled away after Chris Paul left with a broken bone in his right hand, beating the Los Angeles Clippers 98-84 on Monday night to even their playoff series at two games apiece.

Paul departed midway through the third quarter. It was not immediately clear how he was hurt, although his wrist appeared to

bend back when he guarded Portland’s Gerald Henderson on a layup.

The Clippers were further hurt when Blake Griffin retreated to the bench late in the game after appearing to aggravate the left quad injury he struggled with this season.

CJ McCollum had 19 points for the Blazers, while Mason Plumlee added 14 points and 10 assists.

Griffin had 17 points before leaving with under 6 minutes left.



Jeff Green also had 17 off the bench.

Game 5 is Wednesday at Los Angeles.

The Clippers held Damian Lillard to 12 points after he scored 32 in Portland’s 96-88 Game 3 victory, while Paul had 16 before his injury.

He appeared to hit Henderson’s back while trying to reach in midway through the third quarter and soon after went to the bench clutching his right hand. He was attended to by a trainer, then left for

the locker room, kicking at a seat cushion on the court when he left.

Paul was averaging 26.3 points over the first three games of the series.

The Blazers are trying to become the first team to overcome a 2-0 deficit since Memphis came back against the Clippers in the first round in 2013.

Since 2008, 53 of the last 55 teams to win the first two games of an NBA playoff series have ultimately prevailed.

The Clippers also blew a 3-1 lead
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Prep Roundup

Hermiston leaps, throws to Kiwanis victory

Helix throwers have big day at Union meet

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HERMISTON — The Hermiston Bulldog boys dominated the field events at Saturday’s 12-team Kiwanis Invitational at Kennison Field, earning the team a gold medal at their biggest home meet of the season. The girls took second behind Kamiakin, while both Pendleton teams finished third.

Tre Neal, a senior, threw the longest shot put (52-10.25) and discus (160-07), while junior Hiram Maciel had the best high jump (6-00). The boys 4x100 relay team of Andrew Horn, Vaemu Ena, Alexis Mercado and Tyler Rohrman also chalked a first place finish.

Xavier Rambo’s second place in the long jump and triple jump and Will Shar-

key’s third place in the pole vault cemented the win.

On the girls side, Macie Foley won the 800-meter (2:26.82) and ran with Sara Ortiz, Audrey Lincoln and Elsa Torres to a win in the 4x400 relay.

Pendleton seniors Nolan Bylenga and Garison Alger scored the two best finishes for the boys teams, with Bylenga winning the 800-meter (2:01.23) and Alger winning the 300-meter hurdles (42.30). They also teamed up with Andrew Porter and Soren Wolf to win the 4x400 relay.

Kiara Glover won the only gold on the Pendleton girls side with a 5-foot high jump.

UNION — A strong showing by its throwers helped lead the Helix girls to the top finish by a local team at Union’s Pepsi Invitational on Saturday.

Seniors Tegan Jackson and MaKenzie

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Will Sharkey, of Hermiston, clears the bar Saturday during the pole vault at the Kiwanis Invite at Kennison Field. Sharkey jumped 12 feet, six inches to take third.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

HERMISTON

Eagles drop Dawgs in doubleheader

Hood River sweeps in baseball; softball splits

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

It was a heartbreaker then a head-scratcher for the Hermiston baseball team Saturday, as the Bulldogs dropped both games in a doubleheader against Hood River at Armand Larive Middle School.

Hermiston had a chance to leapfrog the first-place Eagles in the Columbia River Conference standings by winning both games, but the Bulldogs lost the first game 3-2 before falling to the Eagles again 19-9 in five innings in a game which they looked poised to win at several times.

Although the 10-run rule was invoked in the second game, the final

See BULLDOGS/3B



The Bulldogs’ R.J. Robles comes home Saturday during a Columbia River Conference game against Hood River in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

PENDLETON

Bucks split with Riverhawks

Pendleton baseball and softball rebound for wins in second half of doubleheaders

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THE DALLES — The Pendleton Buckaroos went into Saturday’s match-up with The Dalles with a must-win mindset to not fall any further in the CRC standings.

When the games were played, Pendleton missed an opportunity for a two-game

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