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## Sports shorts

### Griffin, Paul out for LA Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blake Griffin is out for the rest of the playoffs after aggravating his left quadriceps tendon and Chris Paul had right hand surgery Tuesday, leaving the Los Angeles Clippers without their top two players for the remainder of their first-round series against Portland.



The team said Griffin had an MRI that revealed no further structural damage to the quad that sidelined him for 45 games earlier in the season.

Paul had surgery to repair a hand fracture sustained in the third quarter of Monday night's 98-84 loss in Game 4 that allowed Portland to tie the best-of-seven series 2-2.

Griffin averaged 15.0 points, 8.8 rebounds and 4.0 assists, while Paul averaged 23.8 points, 7.3 assists and 4.0 rebounds in the team's first four playoff games.

### Cano drives in 6, M's beat Astros

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson Cano hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, Nathan Karns threw seven shutout innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Houston Astros 11-1 on Tuesday night.

Cano reached 1,000 RBIs in his career with a two-run single in the fifth and then crushed his seventh-inning grand slam.

Karns (2-1) allowed two hits and struck out six while walking three.

Dallas Keuchel (2-3) pitched six innings of six-hit ball in the defeat. The left-hander allowed five runs while striking out five and walking two.

The Mariners took the lead in the fourth on a run-scoring single by Nelson Cruz.

"I've always been in good shape. I just sucked early in my career from a statistical perspective. My body has always been very similar to how it is now. The results are different, so people want to question things. That's the nature of sports."

— **Jake Arrieta**  
Chicago Cubs pitcher responding to rumors floating around MLB about him using PEDs to help his resurgence in Chicago. Prior to his trade to the Cubs, Arrieta posted a career 5.78 ERA in 69 games with Baltimore, and is 40-13 with a 2.20 ERA in 71 games with Chicago.

#### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1960** — The Minneapolis Lakers say they will move to Los Angeles.

**2008** — Ashley Force becomes the first woman to win a national Funny Car race. The 25-year-old beats her father, drag racing icon John Force, in the final round of the 28th annual Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals.

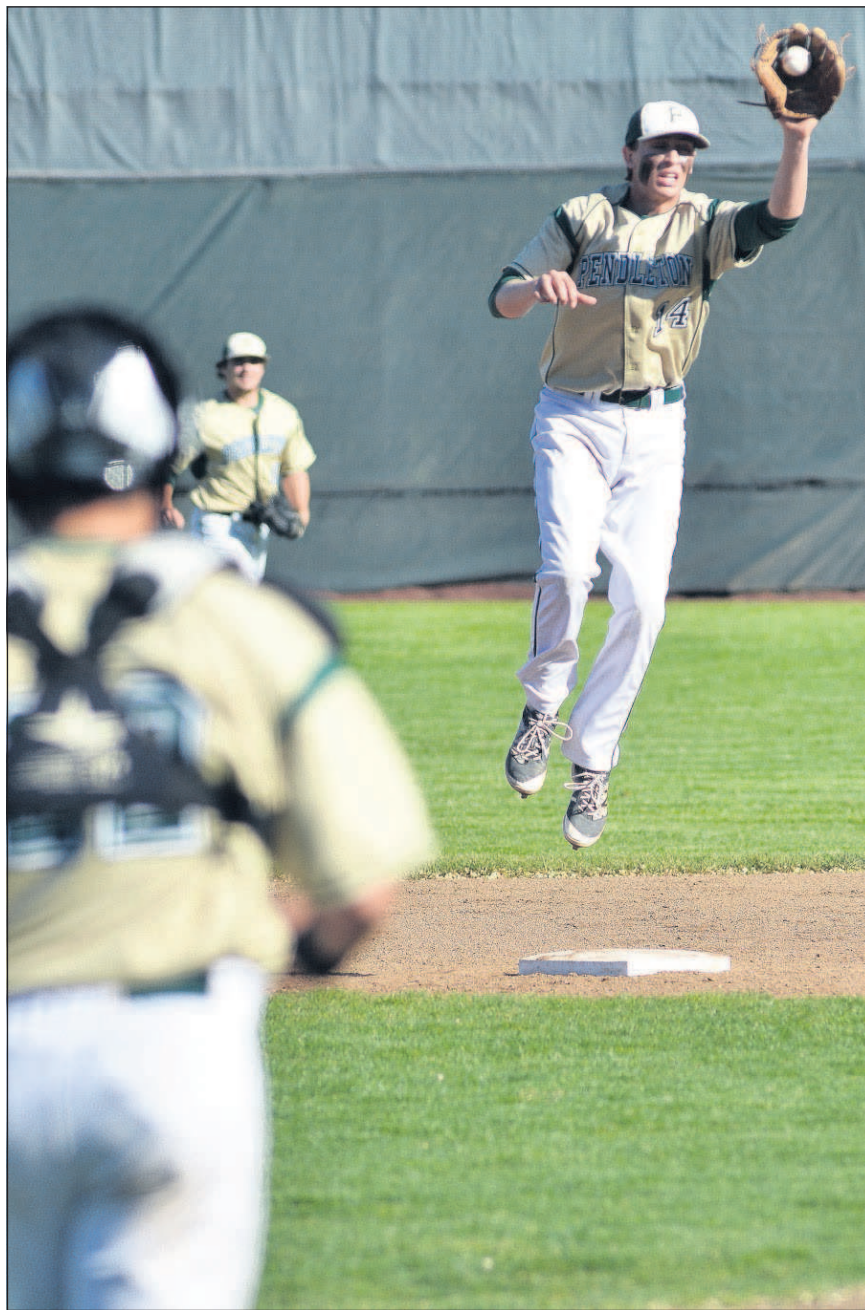
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## PENDLETON

# Quinn clutch for Buckaroos

Pendleton's James Bradt goes up to catch a throw to force an out at second base in the Bucks' game against the Dalles on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



## Senior comes through at plate and on mound

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

Big moments are the reason Pendleton's Kai Quinn plays the game.

The senior outfielder and pitcher provided a few of those big moments in pressure situations for the Buckaroos on Tuesday as they beat The Dalles 4-2 in a Columbia River Conference baseball game at Bob White Field.

Quinn drove in the eventual game-winning runs with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth inning, then came on to pitch two innings of relief and struck out the Riverhawks' Kellen Mathisen with bases loaded and two outs in the top of the seventh.

"It's fun, you've got to love to compete against someone else," Quinn said. "Out there pitching, you've got to love to compete and it's always fun going into those situations. ... You've only got so many years to play the game and so you've got to want to do it."

The Dalles (8-10, 2-4 CRC) struck first when Colton Walker doubled off the wall in center field with two runners on in the first inning, but could only get one of them in thanks to a great relay from center fielder Gage Correa and shortstop James Bradt that gave catcher Ryan Russell plenty of time to tag out Mathisen as he tried to come all the way from first base.

Pendleton (11-8, 2-4) knotted the score 1-1 in the second when a hit batter followed by three walks pushed Nick Bower in from third.

Quinn's single in the fourth inning came on the first pitch of his at-bat as he laced the offering from

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## PENDLETON

# Pendleton shuts out Riverhawks

Pendleton stays atop CRC standings with big win

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

Tuesday's match-up with The Dalles was a must-win situation for the Pendleton Buckaroos.

A win over The Dalles would keep the Buckaroos on top of the CRC standings, while a loss would drop the team into a tie with The Dalles for second place at the halfway point of the league schedule.

"It definitely was a must-win," said Pendleton junior Lauren Richards. "We definitely needed to bring it today and show (The Dalles) that we're better than we played on Saturday."

The mentality the Buckaroos brought appeared to work out well as Pendleton held the Riverhawks to just one hit to earn a 6-0 victory at Steve Cary Field.

Pendleton (15-4, 4-2 CRC) coach Tim Cary was excited to see his team come

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#### Softball



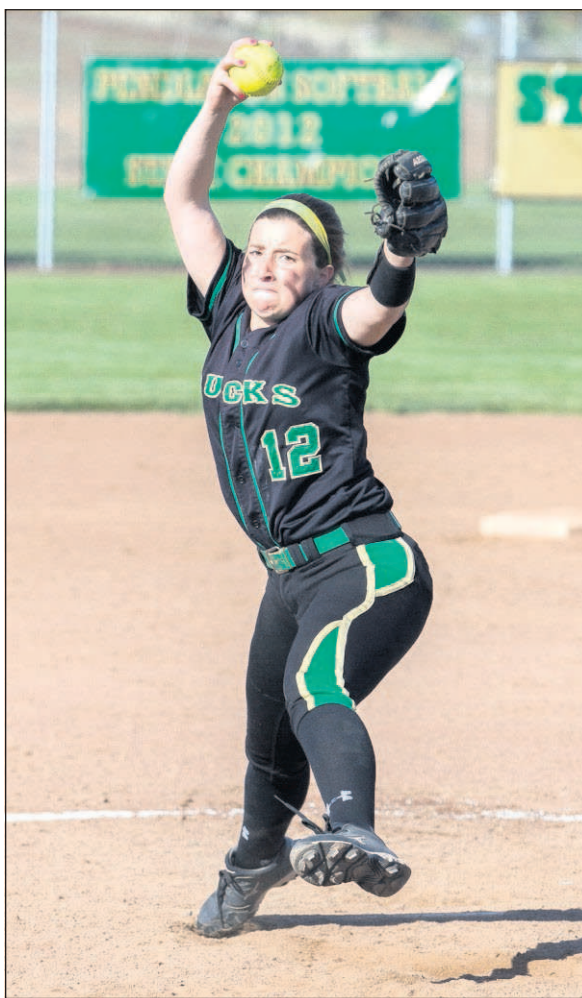
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Pendleton's Lauren Richards pitches in the second inning against The Dalles on Tuesday at Steve Cary Field. The Buckaroos won 6-0.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



## HERMISTON

# Dawgs stun Eagles

Hermiston alone in second place in CRC with win

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HOOD RIVER — When the Hermiston Bulldogs hosted the Hood River Eagles on Saturday for a doubleheader, the Bulldogs were close to pulling out a win in game one before the Eagles offense exploded for a win in game two.

But on Tuesday, it was the Bulldogs offense that flexed the muscles as Hermiston racked up nine runs

on six hits to end the Eagles 10-game win streak and hand them their first loss in CRC play with a 9-1 victory.

"It's huge for us," said Hermiston assistant coach John Christy. "It's nice for the kids to bounce back after Saturday and get a real good-quality team win. Our mentality was to have fun but to compete hard and that's what we did."

Chase Root pitched for the Bulldogs (10-8, 3-3 CRC) and finished with one of his best performances of the season. Root threw a complete game allowing just one earned run, two hits and three walks, going with eight strikeouts to keep the Eagles high-powered offense at bay.

"He kept hitters off balance, hit his spots and changed speeds well," Christy said of Root. "Hats

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## Prep Roundup

# Grebs lead Bucks to win at PCC

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PENDLETON — The Buckaroos placed three golfers in the top five to win the team title Tuesday at Pendleton Country Club.

Sisters Shelby and Haley Greb each shot 78 to lead the way, and Shelby took the higher placing after a scorecard playoff.

They were both behind The Dalles' Illiana Telles, though, who shot 77 for medalist.

Pendleton's Megan George shot a 96 to place fifth, and the Buckaroos shot 351 as a team. Hermiston was second in the team standings with 417, but didn't have any players shoot below 100.

La Grande's Trinity McCarthy was fourth with an 82.

Pendleton's other golfers were McKenna Pratt (99) and Rylee Harris (116), both of whom coach Terry Prouse said brought several strokes off their scores for a strong

day by the team all around.

Hermiston's scores were Sydney Adams (102), Sonia Peterson (102), McKenzie Lind (106) and Lexi Lambert (107).

Baker had the only other full varsity team and shot 450.

Pendleton and Hermiston will both be at the state preview tournament on Thursday at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks.

#### Baseball

**IRRIGON 14, HEPPNER 3 (5 innings)** — At Heppner, eight runs in the first inning and another strong outing from Austin Rice were too much for the Heppner Mustangs to overcome in a District 6 baseball game on Tuesday.

Rice went the full five innings and struck out nine while allowing three runs on six hits and two walks.

He was working with a lead the entire way thanks to Irrigon's eight-hit rally in the top of the first inning.

Fredy Vera led the game off with a single and later made it 5-0 when he hit another single to bring in Adrian Roa. Zack Henrichs and Cougar Kroske also had two hits in the inning.

Only Hendrichs would get another in the game, though, and led Irrigon (11-4, 6-1 SD6) going 3 for 4 with two runs and two RBI. Hayden White had a team-high three RBI.

Jake Lindsay went 2 for 3 with an RBI to lead Heppner (2-9, 1-3).

The teams play again on Saturday when they meet in Irrigon for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

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A. Rice and C. Kroske, P. Collins, W. Putman (3) and W. Putman, C. Dougherty (3), W — Rice, L — Collins.  
2B — H. White, Z. Hendrichs, C. Kroske (IHS); J. Lindsay (HHS). HR — K. Murray (HHS).

**WESTON-MCEWEN 4, UNION 2** — At Athena, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots picked up a

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