NBA Playoffs

Warriors rally in overtime

Curry returns, scores 40 points to lead Golden State over Portland in Game 4

> By ANNE M. PETERSON Associated Press

PORTLAND — Stephen Curry returned from

a sprained right knee to score an NBA-record 17 points in overtime, finishing with 40 as the Golden State Warriors rallied to take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinals with a 132-125 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night.

Playing for the first time since he was injured in Game 4 of the first-round series against

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State leads

Houston, Curry was rusty for three quarters and sensational down the stretch after the Warriors trailed by as much as

Originally expected to play about 25 minutes off the bench, Curry picked up a heavier workload in the second half after Shaun Livingston, who had been starting in his absence, was ejected in the second quarter after arguing a call and picking up two technical fouls.

His victorious return came hours after a person with knowledge of the award told The Associated Press that Curry would repeat as NBA MVP, with the

announcement coming as early as Tuesday. The Warriors can win the series Wednesday

night at home in Game 5. Damian Lillard finished with 36 points and 10

assists for Portland.

Curry's fast-break layup gave the defending NBA champions a 120-118 lead with 2:21 left in the extra period. He followed with a 3-pointer, pounding his chest and pumping his fist in celebration, posturing for the courtside fans.

Harrison Barnes' layup extended the lead to 125-118 and Portland couldn't catch up. Klay Thompson finished with 23.

Curry's long jumper gave the Warriors a 92-87 lead with 9:01 left in the fourth quarter. Lillard's 3-pointer gave Portland back a 99-97 lead, but Curry nailed his first 3 of the game to give the Warriors a 103-100 lead with 4:35 left.

Draymond Green dunked to keep Golden State within 109-108 late in regulation. Mason Plumlee's finger-roll layup extended Portland's margin but Barnes tied it at 111-all with a 3-pointer for Golden State with 51 seconds left,



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, shoots over Portland Trail Blazers guard C.J. McCollum, right, during the second half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Monday, May 9, 2016, in Portland.

Eagles clip Dawgs

Hood River comes from behind in seventh, clinches CRC crown

> By MIKE WEBER For the East Oregonian

HOOD RIVER — Leading 5-2 in the seventh inning over the Hood River Valley Eagles, the Hermiston Bulldogs





second-straight win over the defending Class 5A state champions. The No. 13 ranked Bulldogs, guided by coach Lance Hawkins, came ever so close to doing that too, but were just unable to hold on to

their lead at the end. The

were just three outs away

from possibly getting a

No. 2 ranked Columbia River Conference champion Eagles proved worthy of their recognition as they overcame the margin with a four-run seventh to pull out a 6-5 win Monday at Hood River Valley High School. A walk-off RBI

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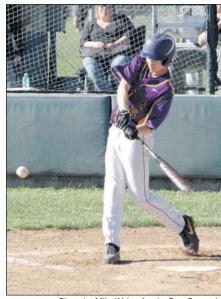


Photo by Mike Weber for the East Oregonian Hermiston's Hayden Edmiston connects for a hit in the third innings of a baseball game against Hood River on Monday in Hood River.

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Staff photo by Gary L. West

Runners pass Hermiston Butte while participating in the Butte Challege on Saturday in Hermiston. The event is a fundraiser for the Hermiston High School cross country program.

Hermiston man wins Butte Challenge

East Oregonian

More than 265 people participated in the 2016 Butte Challenge on Saturday to raise money for the cross country program at Hermiston High School.

A final tally of the money raised was not completed by late Monday, but event coordi-

nator Jeanne Jewett said the event raised about \$2,800.

The top runner on Saturday in the 10 kilometer race was Joe Hodge, 51, of Hermiston who finished in a time off 44 minutes, 5 seconds. Angie Treadwell, 40, of Hermiston finished with the second fastest time in the 10K, which also made her the top female finisher at



In the 5K run, Erik Ramirez, 21, of Othello, Washington, finished first with a time of 20:38 and Kelsey Trotter, 23, of Hermiston was the top female in 24:54.

Hermiston's Tamara Brock, 56, won the 5K walk in 34:32 and the top male walker was also of Hermiston as Matthew Lidrich, 48, finished in 37:55.

According to the event website, there were 40 entrants in the 10K run, 167 in the 5K run, 47 in the 5K walk and 13 in the event's kids race for a total of 267

For a list of complete, unofficial results go to www. buttechallenge.com and click on the "Results" button.

Prep Roundup

Central Valley beats inconsistent Bulldogs

Hermiston lacrosse wilts in fourth quarter

By ERIC SINGER East Oregonian

HERMISTON Consistency has plagued the Hermiston Bulldogs lacrosse team all season

The Bulldogs have had tremendous performances in singular quarters or halves of games, and they have pieced together a few good wins here and there, but they have rarely been able to put together complete performances for a significant period of time.

It was the same story for the team on Saturday afternoon, as the Bulldogs fell apart late in a 20-9 defeat at the hands of the Central



Valley Bears at Kennison Arnold said it was the Field. It was the second loss of the season to the Bears, as the Bulldogs fell 10-6 on

Mar. 22 in Spokane. Hermiston coach Jacob

details of the team's game that led to their downfall on

"We need to clean up the little things like penalties,"

he said. "We played a lot of the game a man down today and if we can clean up that area then we're just as good as anybody else."

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Marte's homer, four hits leads Mariners over Rays

By CURTIS CRABTREE Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ketel Marte hit a tiebreaking three-run homer off Steve Geltz and had a career-high four hits to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 5-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

Felix Hernandez (3-2) allowed just two runs on four hits over seven innings to pick up the win. Steve Cishek earned his 10th save of the season.

Dana Eveland (0-1) was saddled with the loss.

Marte went 4 for 5 with two doubles, three RBIs and three runs scored. With the game tied at 2 in the sixth inning, Marte hammered the first offering from reliever Geltz over the right field wall

to give the Mariners a 5-2 cushion.

The Mariners were 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position before Marte's homer, his first of the season. His three RBIs matched a career high.

Seattle left runners stranded on second and third base in each of the first two innings.

Marte doubled to lead off the third inning and advanced to third on a groundout by Robinson Cano. Marte beat a strong throw home from Kevin Kiermaier to score the first run of the game on Nelson Cruz's sacrifice fly.

Corey Dickerson homered off Hernandez to lead off the fourth inning, and Evan Longoria added a



solo shot in the fifth to give Tampa Bay a 2-1 Marte scored on a

wild pitch from Rays' starter Matt Moore to tie the game at 2 in the fifth inning.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: RHP Taijuan Walker is expected to be fine for his next start on Wednesday against Tampa Bay. Walker left his last start after two innings due to neck spasms. The issue has subsided in recent days and he was able to throw his normal bullpen session on Monday.

... RHP Joaquin Benoit was expected to throw a light bullpen session on Monday as he works back from inflammation in his right shoulder.