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## Sports shorts

### Hermiston OKs new coaches

HERMISTON — The Hermiston school board approved the contracts for Elise Flemming and Krystofer Lopez to become the new varsity volleyball and lacrosse coaches respectively at their meeting on Monday evening.



Flemming will inherit a young roster as she takes over for Dorothy Smith who led the Bulldogs to a 5-11 overall record and 1-8 CRC record in her only year at the helm.

Lopez — a Hermiston alumnus and current assistant coach — will replace Jacob Arnold as coach. Arnold began the year as the varsity assistant before sliding into the head role following the sudden death of coach Trampis Palmer in early April.

### Stephen Curry is 1st unanimous NBA MVP

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry is the first unanimous NBA MVP, earning the award for the second straight season Tuesday after leading the

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defending champion Warriors to a record-setting season. The Golden State superstar is the 11th player in NBA history to be voted MVP in consecutive seasons and the first guard to do so since Steve Nash in 2004-05 and 2005-06. Curry received 1,310 points from the 130 media voters from the U.S. and Canada.

He was followed by Kawhi Leonard of San Antonio, LeBron James and Oklahoma City teammates Russell Westbrook and Kevin Durant.

Curry made a record 402 3-pointers and averaged an NBA-best 30.1 points per game to go with 6.7 assists and 5.4 rebounds. He also shot 50.4 percent from the field, 45.4 percent from 3-point and 90.8 percent from the foul line.

**“Just want to thank @DWingsHoops for the opportunity to be apart of training camp & preseason! Despite the outcome, still an amazing experience.”**

— **Jude Schimmel**  
CTUIR member after being cut by the WNBA's Dallas Wings on Monday. Schimmel played 14 minutes in a preseason game on Sunday, scoring six points and making one assist in an 82-74 loss to Connecticut. The move came just six days before the Wings were to play at the New York Liberty, which recently acquired Schimmel's older sister Shoni Schimmel.

#### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1992** — The Portland Trail Blazers win the highest-scoring playoff game in NBA history, 153-151 in double overtime against the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference semifinals.

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## PENDLETON

# Morrison helps Pendleton extend streak



Alexis Morrison, of Pendleton, dives for third base during a game against The Dalles on Tuesday at Steve Cary Field.

Senior outfielder tallies four hits as Bucks win seventh-straight game

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

Alexis Morrison has done it all for the Pendleton Buckaroos in 2016.

From her lead-off spot in the batting order, she has hit for power, scored numerous runs and swiped many bases, and she has been a stalwart in the Buckaroo outfield from her centerfield position.

And just as she has in many games this season, Morrison displayed all of those skills on Tuesday afternoon as she powered her team to a 10-0 win over The Dalles Riverhawks in five innings at Steve Cary Field.

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Morrison cashed in a perfect day on offense going 4-4 with three singles, three runs scored, and two stolen bases, as well as the game-ending RBI triple in the fifth inning to give the Bucks the 10-run win. Morrison says that Tuesday was one of those days where the ball just looked bigger for her at the plate.

“Yeah, sometimes the ball does look like a beach ball like today,” Morrison said. “Sometimes you just have those days where balls drop in and some days you hit well and they get caught and I was lucky today.”

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## PENDLETON

# Buckaroos hold off Riverhawks



Pendleton's Jack Peterson throws the ball to first base to turn a double play as The Dalles' Spencer Honald slides into second base in the Bucks' 3-0 win against the Riverhawks on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Morris tosses complete game, Pendleton increases postseason odds

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

Their backs against the wall, the Pendleton Buckaroos came out swinging against The Dalles on Tuesday.

Ryan Russell and Shaw Jerome drove in runs in the bottom of the second inning, and Wyatt Morris pitched a complete-game shutout as Pendleton snapped a four-game losing streak with a 3-0 win at Bob White Field.

The win gave Pendleton the

season series with the Riverhawks 3-1, and the all-important head-to-head tiebreaker for third place in the Columbia River Conference with one game left in the regular season.

It was a must-win scenario for the Bucks (12-12, 3-8 CRC), who can earn a state play-in game with a win or a Riverhawks (9-14, 3-8) loss in their season finales.

“Just bring high intensity to the

Baseball	
The Dalles	Pendleton
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dugout is what we were focused on,” Jerome said. “We knew we had to win to keep going, and that’s what we did.”

Pendleton scored all three of its runs in the second with two outs after Devon Roe doubled to lead off, but was later tagged out at home in a rundown for the second out.

Roe was caught too far off third base on James Bradt’s ground ball back to Bailey Ortega on the mound,

but avoided the tag long enough for Bradt to replace him on third.

It was the type of play Pendleton coach T.J. Haguewood has come to expect from Bradt.

“I think that’s a hustle play that, I think, we have a thing where a guy gets hung up and we could stayed at first and been upset that we didn’t get him in, but he hustled around and got right back to it and we’re right back in the same situation,” he said. “He’s a gamer, he’s always going to be hustling around and you

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#### NBA Playoffs

## Trail Blazers look to stay alive

Warriors have 3-1 edge as series goes back to Oakland

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — Stephen Curry will lift another MVP trophy. Dwyane Wade will try to keep lifting the Miami Heat.

And by night’s end, the NBA’s Final Four may be in more focus.

Curry and Golden State will host Portland in Game 5 of their second-round series on Wednesday night, the Warriors leading 3-1 and one win from another trip to the Western Conference finals. That game will be preceded by Wade and the Heat in Toronto, with their East matchup knotted at two games apiece after four extremely close — though not always aesthetically pleasing



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) reacts after scoring a basket against the Portland Trail Blazers during Game 4 of Monday's second-round series in Portland.

— matchups. The night will belong to Curry, announced Tuesday as the league’s first unanimous MVP. He’ll get to show the trophy to the adoring home fans at Oracle Arena before tip-off of Game 5 of that

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Game 5	
Portland Trail Blazers	Golden State Warriors
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• Today, 7:30 p.m. (TNT)  
• at Oakland, Calif.

#### Prep Roundup

## Greb ties for district title, Bucks third

PHS girls golf earns state berth

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HOOD RIVER — Pendleton junior Haley Greb shot a two-over par 74 to tie for the tournament low and make up a two-stroke deficit on Crater senior Daniele Giles on Tuesday at Indian Creek Golf Course.

Greb and Giles finished tied with 150 to win the 36-hole Special District 2 championships and Pendleton earned a team berth at the state tournament with a third-place finish.

Shelby Greb placed seventh for Pendleton, which cut nearly 20 strokes from its team score in the second round to finish with a two-day total 362-345—707.

“I was really proud of them the way they came back and lowered their scores,” said Pendleton coach Terry Prouse. “They were sort of pleased with their scores.”

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