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## Sports shorts

### AFL-CIO joins Brady's 'Deflategate' appeal

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady has added more high-profile legal power to fight his "Deflategate" suspension.

The AFL-CIO filed a friend of the court brief on Monday asking the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court



of Appeals to reconsider a decision handed down by a three-judge panel in April. Also weighing in: Kenneth Feinberg, who helped divvy up the funds for Sept. 11 and Boston Marathon bombing victims.

In its amicus brief, the labor federation said the three-judge panel of the 2nd Circuit that reinstated Brady's four-game suspension erred in granting Commissioner Roger Goodell the "highly deferential" status afforded a neutral arbitrator.

### Ole Miss' Freeze 'owning mistakes'

DESTIN, Fla. (AP) — Mississippi coach Hugh Freeze is "owning the mistakes" made during his tenure, which now includes NCAA violations, but said

neither he nor his assistants knowingly did anything wrong.

Speaking at the Southeastern Conference's annual

meetings Tuesday, Freeze delivered a lengthy, prepared statement and then took several questions about violations involving first-round NFL draft pick Laremy Tunsil.

"I stand here owning the mistakes, but that is what they are, not some staff out trying to buy players," Freeze said. "There's not a single charge in our letter that charges a coach with (being) out buying players. While I have struggles in life that I don't always get right, breaking the rules in recruiting is not one of them. I won't do it."

"Amazing to me — Alabama broke NCAA rules & now their HC is lecturing us on the possibility of rules being broke at camps."

— Jim Harbaugh  
Head coach at Michigan, responding on social media to critical comments by Alabama head coach Nick Saban

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1925 — Lou Gehrig bats for Pee Wee Wanninger in the eighth inning and replaces Wally Pipp at first base to start his streak of 2,130 consecutive games.

1946 — Assault, ridden by Warren Merhtens, wins the Belmont Stakes to become the seventh horse to capture the Triple Crown.

1975 — Nolan Ryan of the California Angels pitches his fourth no-hitter to tie Sandy Koufax's record, beating the Baltimore Orioles 1-0.

2004 — Detroit and Indiana combine for just 60 first-half points in the Pistons' 69-65 victory, breaking the NBA playoff record of 62 set by the Pistons and Nets during the second round.

2012 — Alex Miklos hits a go-ahead RBI triple in the 21st inning as Kent State outlasts Kentucky 7-6 in the second-longest game in NCAA tournament history.

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## STANFIELD

# Grogan shot sets tone for Tigers

## Stanfield baseball routs Rainier in state semifinals

By SAM BARBEE  
For the East Oregonian

RAINIER — Brody Woods knew it was gone from the instant it left the bat.

Woods, the Stanfield sophomore who pitched his starting rotation alongside junior Dylan Grogan, celebrated in his dugout as the large Tigers contingent went crazy after Grogan took a 1-1 pitch over the left field fence in the first inning at Stan Peerboom Field in Rainier during the Tiger's semifinal baseball game, setting the tone for a 10-1 drubbing on Tuesday.

"I knew it was gone," Woods said. "I'd seen it happen before. I knew that ball was gone. I just went crazy. I started yelling. The whole team started yelling.

"That broke 'em." The win puts the Tigers in the final for the first time since 2011, when they took home the 2A/1A state title under current head coach Bryan Johnson.

Tuesday's win was just a continuation of the impressive baseball played by Stanfield all year.

"This was a really good 3A

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### 3A Baseball



Stanfield  
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Rainier  
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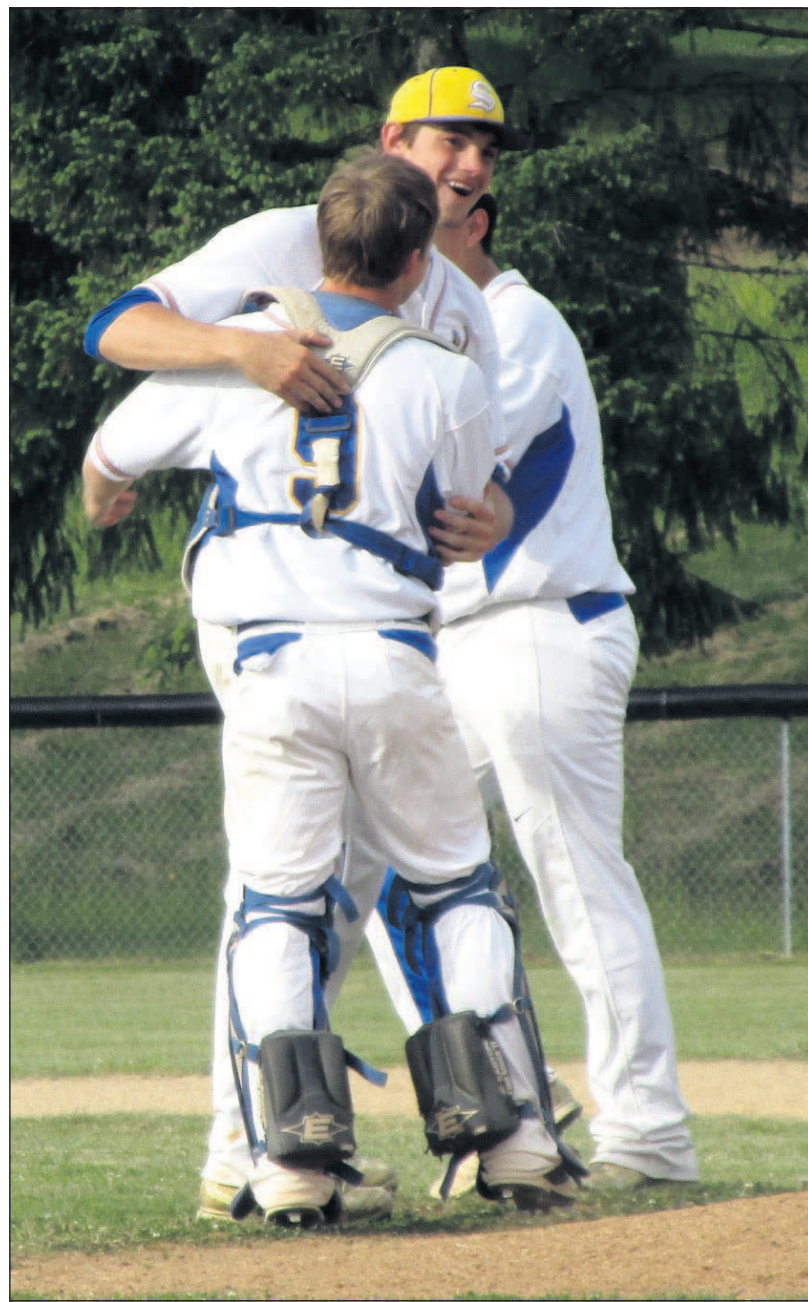


Photo by Sam Barbee for the East Oregonian  
Stanfield juniors Thylor Monkus (9) and Dylan Grogan embrace after beating the Rainier Columbians 10-1 on Tuesday in Rainier.

## PILOT ROCK

# Rockets back in finals

## Pilot Rock beats Kennedy in five innings

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Pilot Rock softball coach Darin Fitzpatrick gave his team a challenge heading into the bottom of the fifth inning of their 2A/1A state

semifinal game against Kennedy on Tuesday, and the Rockets stepped up to the plate figuratively and literally.

The Rockets added five more runs to their total in the frame, and Tahya Ostrom's double drove in the final runs to push the score past the mercy-rule threshold for a 14-4 win in five innings.

Ostrom pitched the entire game and had seven strikeouts and no walks. She didn't allow a run until the Rockets led 7-0 in the fourth inning.

"Just kind of a gut feeling," Fitzpatrick said of starting his junior righty. "It seems like most of the year, defensively we've played better behind her. Even though (senior Rebekka Holman) has pitched real well it seems like the girls seem to be more ready when

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### 2A/1A Softball



Kennedy  
4



Pilot Rock  
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## MILTON-FREEWATER

# Pioneers return to championship round

## Mac-Hi holds off Gladstone 3-2

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Faith Kelly scored in the bottom of the sixth inning to give the Mac-Hi Pioneers just enough cushion to hold off the Gladstone Gladiators 3-2 on Tuesday in the semifinals of the OSAA 4A state softball tournament.

Kelly was pinch running for Abi Biggs, who went 3 for 3, and scored on a double by Kaitlyn Slusarenko, who went 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

That made the score 3-1. Carli Brown hit a solo home run to lead off the seventh inning but Mallory Copeland retired the Gladiators

### 4A Softball



Gladstone  
2



Mac-Hi  
3

finished with five strikeouts and two walks, and allowed two earned runs on five hits.

Gladstone took a 1-0 lead in the third inning on a solo home run by Kennedy Coy, who went 2 for 4 and

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Photo by Joe Tierney for the East Oregonian  
The Mac-Hi softball team celebrates beating Gladstone 3-2 in the OSAA 4A state semifinal softball game on Tuesday in Milton-Freewater.

## PENDLETON

# Jegtvig, Lancers stun Buckaroos in semifinals

## Churchill holds Pendleton offense to season-low output

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

Through two rounds of the 5A softball postseason, Steve Cary Field was an opposing pitcher's nightmare.

With steady winds blowing out to center field, the Buckaroos put up a bracket-leading 28 runs while launching five home runs.

Churchill senior pitcher Emma Jegtvig came into the unwelcoming confines undaunted, and with the wind at her back limited Pendleton's high-



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
Aspen Garton, of Pendleton, tags Abby Cole, of Churchill, during a state semifinal game at Steve Cary Field. Cole was ruled out.

power offense to its lowest output of the season for a 3-1 win in eight

innings. Abby Cole scored the go-ahead

run in the top of the eighth inning on a double by Sophia DeLap, then Jegtvig went through the top of Pendleton's order to put the Lancers in the state title game for the first time in 23 years.

"We knew she was going to be good coming in, we knew she could move it in and out," said Pendleton coach Tim Cary of Jegtvig. "She's just good. She's a great competitor, she's tough. I think they're a great team and it's unfortunate but they played a little bit better than us and deserved to win."

A costly mistake in the first inning pushed Pendleton's only run across the plate, but Jegtvig came through for her team the rest of the way and pitched out of jams in the third, fourth and seventh innings as Pendleton stranded six base runners. She gave up five hits and had nine strikeouts, two walks and two hit batters.

"Very stressed," she said of her in-game state, "but I had confidence that we were going to put up some

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