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Broncos honored at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama honored the Denver Broncos at the White House Monday for winning Super Bowl 50 with one of the best defenses of all time and one of the best quarterbacks of all time in Peyton Manning.



The Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers by a score of 24-10. Obama said the victories over the course of the season weren't always pretty. The Broncos, won a record 11 games by a touchdown or less.

"You don't do that without one of the greatest defenses of all time," Obama said.

Obama mentioned several stars of the offensive unit before jokingly stating, "And we can't forget to mention the heart and soul of this team's offensive firepower — kicker Brandon McManus," which drew plenty of laughs.

Curry withdraws from Olympic consideration

(AP) — Stephen Curry has withdrawn from consideration from the Olympics, leaving the U.S. basketball team without the NBA's MVP.

Curry said Monday in a statement that he has decided to pull out for "several factors — including recent ankle and knee injuries."



He is the highest-profile absence for the two-time defending gold medalists, who will already be without NBA All-Stars Chris Paul and Anthony Davis.

Curry has won a pair of world titles with the Americans and was a starter when they won the 2014 Basketball World Cup.

Curry said he had spoken with his family and recently informed USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo that he would not go to Brazil.

The Americans have a list of 31 players in their roster pool for this summer and plan to name their 12-man roster later this month.

"No, I'm done. I'm done. I enjoyed my time playing, now it's time to watch my cousins do they thing."

— **Marshawn Lynch**
Former Seattle Seahawks running back addressing some rumors of Lynch contemplating a comeback in an interview with 60 Minutes Sports. Lynch has not formally filed his retirement papers with the NFL, which fueled speculation that the All-Pro RB was in fact not yet ready to call it a career.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1998 — Utah breaks the record for fewest points in an NBA game since the inception of the shot clock, losing 96-54 to Chicago in Game 3 of the NBA Finals. It's the highest margin of victory in NBA Finals history.

2009 — Roger Federer completes a career Grand Slam, winning his first French Open title. Federer wins his 14th major title to tie Pete Sampras' record by sweeping surprise finalist Robin Soderling 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

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Pioneers fall short of three-peat



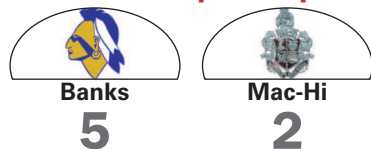
McLoughlin assistant coach Megan White consoles Micha Fortune after the Pioneers' 5-2 loss to Banks in the state 4A championship softball game Saturday in Corvallis.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Mac-Hi's rally comes too late against Banks in 4A state title

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4A Championship



CORVALLIS — The Mac-Hi Pioneers were unable to overcome a dominant championship debut by Banks freshman Michaela Shaw, and the Braves came out swinging for a 5-2 win in the OSAA 4A Softball State Championship on Saturday at OSU Softball Complex.

Shaw held the Pioneers scoreless until the seventh inning to guide her team to its third state championship and knock Mac-Hi from the top of the hill after a two-year title reign.

"I'm proud of them, no one thought we going to be here," said Mac-Hi coach Nichole Christian. "Obviously we wanted gold but we'll take the silver, and try to keep the girls positive because no one expected us here without (2015

Player of the Year) Colette (Robert) and that's all a team effort. ... This was a tough loss but I'm really proud of them."

Pioneers senior Abi Biggs had been trying to spark the Mac-Hi offense all game. With each at bat she confidently stepped to the plate, and each time she delivered, going 3 for 3 in her final game. It wasn't until the bottom of the seventh that her teammates caught the fever, and Biggs led off the at-bat with a hard grounder through the left side for a

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McLoughlin's Shannon Carter looks up in disbelief after being called out at home plate as Banks' catcher Shakayla Snyder holds up the ball in the Pioneers' 5-2 loss to the Braves in the state 4A championship softball game Saturday in Corvallis.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

All-EOL Softball

TigerScots sweep top honors



Staff photo by Matt Entrup

In this May 21, 2016 file photo, Weston-McEwen's Jessica Lambert smiles as she heads into the dugout after retiring the Vale Vikings in the fifth inning of their district championship softball game in Athena.

Lambert named EOL player and pitcher of the year

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After coming one step short of a state championship at the 2A/1A level in 2015, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots embarked on a new journey in 2016 as they moved up to Class 3A.

But the move up did not have much negative effect on the TigerScots, as they earned the Eastern Oregon League regular season and district titles and advanced to the second round of the Class 3A state tournament before falling in extra innings to Pleasant Hill. They accomplished these feats with a solid combination of top-line talent and steady coaching, and both efforts were recognized by the rest of the league with eight players and the head coach earning all-league honors.

Senior pitcher Jessica Lambert was chosen as the league's Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year, and head

coach Jeff Griggs was chosen as Coach of the Year for leading the team to a 19-5 overall record.

Lambert, who will pitch collegiately at Wenatchee Valley Community College beginning in the fall, was a force in the pitching circle and at the plate in 2016, leading the team in every pitching category as well as home runs and RBIs. In the circle, she finished 15-4 with an ERA of 1.37 in 105 innings, while striking out 167 batters and walking just 18. And on offense, Lambert hit .449 with 6 home runs, 43 RBI, 11 doubles, and 17 runs scored in 89 at-bats.

Weston-McEwen also placed four players on the first team: catcher Sydney Peal (.406 avg., 1 HR, 20 RBI), shortstop Isabelle Dillow (.580 avg., 2 HR, 24 RBI, 46 runs), third baseman Jordyn Lambert (.514 avg., 6 HR, 28

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OUR VIEWS

Stanfield's title game a masterpiece

KEIZER — What a weekend. Now that the dust has settled in Corvallis and Keizer from another amazing finish to the high school sports year, and two state championships making their way back to trophy cases in Umatilla County, it's good opportunity to take another look at what may have been the best 3A baseball game of the season.

The Stanfield Tigers' 5-4 win over Santiam Christian in the 3A championship had everything a spectator could ask for in a game (as a writer there's always more you could ask for).

It had a back story. The two teams had met about a month prior with the Eagles earning a come-from-behind 2-1 win with a walk-off home run by star pitcher Dru Draper in the bottom of the seventh inning.

It had historical significance. The Tigers had four players on the team who had watched their older brothers win titles on that same field in 2011, and assistant coach Trevor Morris was also on that team. Two of them (Dylan Grogan and Thyler Monkus) were bat boys in

that game. "It means a lot because now (our brothers) can't rub it in our faces," Monkus said.

It had heart. The game was the final one in the third base box for Tigers coach Bryan Johnson, who announced at the beginning of the season that he would be taking a job outside of the district at the end of the school year. His contributions to Stanfield baseball, athletics in general, and the community will ensure he's long remembered and sorely missed.

It had action. Oh boy, did it have action. Double plays, hits in the gap, a game-saving play at the plate, a failed suicide squeeze, great clutch pitching and three extra innings; the only thing this game was missing was the long ball.

It was also painfully long for those of us in the press box nervously watching deadlines as the shadows crept across the infield at Volcanoes Stadium.

"For a sport that you just stand there, I don't know if I've ever been that tired," Grogan said.

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