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Eagles, Cox agree to 6-year contract

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Standout defensive tackle Fletcher Cox agreed Monday to a six-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles that could earn him nine figures.

The first-round draft pick in 2012 has been a starter since midway in his rookie season. One of the NFL's most versatile defensive linemen, he has 308 tackles and 22 sacks in his four pro seasons.

Cox, 25, did not attend the team's organized offseason activities, but returned to the teams last week.

He comes off his best NFL season with 104 tackles (80 solo) and 9 1-2 sacks. He had three sacks against New Orleans in Week 5, a career high.



Seahawks try out former NBA guard Nate Robinson

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks have given former NBA standout and one-time college football player Nate Robinson a tryout.

The Seahawks confirmed that Robinson went through a tryout on Monday, first reported by The Washington Post. Robinson had indicated in video posted to YouTube earlier this spring a desire to play football again.

Robinson gave up his chance at football after his freshman year at Washington, where he was a standout defensive back. Robinson appeared in 13 games in 2002 as a true freshman and had two interceptions. He gave up his football career the following spring to focus on basketball and became an NBA first-round pick in 2005.

Robinson has played for eight teams in his career and was a three-time winner of the slam dunk competition.

“The whole old story is the underdog story, and I cannot hear that story anymore. I want to see them risk things. Let's go for it. Because if you're not going for it, sooner or later they're going to break you down.”

— **Jurgen Klinsmann**
US Men's National Soccer Team coach on what he wants his team's mental approach to be for the Copa America knockout round. The US won Group A and will face Ecuador on Thursday.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1998 — Michael Jordan scores 45 points, stealing the ball from Karl Malone and hitting a jumper with 5.2 seconds left to give Chicago an 87-86 win and a 4-2 series victory over Utah for a sixth NBA title.

2005 — Michelle Wie becomes the first female player to qualify for an adult male U.S. Golf Association championship. Wie earns one of only two spots available in the 85-player qualifier for the U.S. Amateur Public Links on July 11-16.

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STANFIELD

Grogan drafted by Twins

In this undated photo, Lewis-Clark State's Quin Grogan, of Stanfield, pitches during a game this season. Grogan was drafted in the 30th round of the MLB draft by the Minnesota Twins.

Photo by Zachary Shore/Lewis-Clark State Athletics



Former Stanfield standout selected in 30th round of MLB Draft

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

It has been quite a week for Quin Grogan.

On June 3, Grogan and his Lewis-Clark State Warriors baseball team held off Faulkner 12-11 to capture their 18th NAIA national championship, with Grogan pitching four innings in relief to get the win. And then on Saturday, Grogan had one of his childhood dreams become reality.

He was drafted into Major League Baseball.

Grogan, a senior pitcher for the Warriors, was selected in the 30th round (903rd overall pick) by the Minnesota Twins in the 2016 MLB First-Year Player Draft. He turned in a dependable season for the Warriors, starting 12 games on the season and adding two relief appearances as he finished 5-1 with a 1.91 ERA with 83 strikeouts in 75.1 innings to help the Warriors to a 52-8 overall record.

“It was thrilling and exciting,” Grogan said of being drafted. “It was definitely something you always dream of as a kid and something I've been working towards for a long, long time.”

Grogan was spending the day
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PENDLETON

Tournament honors program's 'special girl'

Players remember Ashlee Hodgen for infectious positivity

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

As sports so often forces athletes to do, the Hodgen Distributing baseball team had to take the bad along with the good and finished their weekend tournament with more of the former on Sunday.

After starting its summer season with two straight shutout wins at the Ashlee Hodgen Memorial

Tournament, the team bearing her name lost 9-0 in the semifinals to Meridian (Idaho), then 8-3 to Baker City in the third-place game.

The tournament was a fundraiser for the Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Scholarship, created in her honor after her sudden passing at age 24 last July.

It's the best possible way to honor the young woman who became a member of the Pendleton baseball family at birth and grew up around Bob White Field, where she later assisted her father Mike Hodgen with grounds-keeping and coaching duties at the historic ballpark.

“She was here with her dad all
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A memorial banner for Ashlee Hodgen hangs in center field as Hodgen Distributing's Joe St. Pierre prepares to pitch against Meridian (ID) in the semifinals of the Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament on Sunday at Bob White Field in Pendleton. Meridian won 9-0.

Staff photo by Matt Entrup

NBA Finals

James, Irving keep Cavs alive

Cleveland duo combines for 82 points in win

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Like everyone else, Draymond Green could only watch as LeBron James and Kyrie Irving sent the NBA Finals back to Cleveland.

James had 41 points, 16 rebounds and seven assists and Kyrie Irving also scored 41 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 112-97 victory over the Warriors on Monday night, ensuring the NBA Finals will go back to Cleveland.

Klay Thompson scored 37 points and Stephen Curry had 25 for the Warriors, who lead the best-of-seven series 3-2. But the Warriors sorely missed Green, who was suspended after striking James in the groin in Game 4.

With the defensive dynamo next door in Oakland Coliseum, the Cavaliers shot 53 percent, hit 10 of 24 3-pointers and handed the Warriors their fourth home loss this season.

“It's too simple to say that” the Warriors lost because of Green's absence, Golden State coach



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) shoots against the Golden State Warriors during the first half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Monday, June 13, 2016.

Steve Kerr said. “We weren't very good defensively. We knew we were without Draymond, so there's no point in harping on that. We had to play better and we didn't.”

Green was suspended after the NBA retroactively charged him with a flagrant-1 foul for hitting James in the groin during Game 4. The foul triggered an automatic suspension and left the Warriors and their fans fuming at the decision.

Game 5
Cleveland 112
Golden State 97

Green watched the game sitting in a suite with general manager Bob Myers while his teammates tried to pick up their exiled comrade. But it was clear from the start that they missed him badly, especially on the defensive end.

Even though he stands only 6-foot-8, Green is a ferocious interior presence for the Warriors and allows the rest

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High School Rodeo

Pederson, Sorey and Smith win state titles

Intermountain rodeo team sends six to nationals

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HERMISTON — Preston Pederson, Trent Sorey and Calgary Smith added state titles to their seasons on Sunday after the final round at the Oregon High School Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo at Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville.

The cowboys were three of six Intermountain Rodeo team members to qualify for the National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) in 12 events.

Pederson, a recent Hermiston High graduate, was the boys' Reserve All-Around Champion (and the top all-around cowboy in Oregon when the title went to Brush Prairie, Washington's Zachary Raley), and was also named Tesky's Top Hand after he finished the season in the top 10 of four events.

Pederson won titles in tie-down roping and boys' cutting. He was fifth in steer wrestling and ninth in team roping.

Sorey and Smith, the freshman-junior team ropers from Pendleton, missed the

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Pederson