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## World Series

# Chicago pummels Cleveland to force Game 7

### Russell drives in six runs to tie record

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — After 108 years, what's one more day?

The Chicago Cubs are far from finished. They're frothing.

Addison Russell hit a grand slam and tied a World Series record with six RBIs,



and Chicago took advantage of a huge early misplay in Cleveland's outfield as the Cubs throttled the Indians 9-3 on Tuesday night in Game 6 to push this tense tug-of-war between baseball's two longest title drought holders to the limit.

Game 7, it is. The biggest, most nerve-wracking day yet.

For one city, hysteria. For the other, heartbreak. Kris Bryant homered to spark a three-run first inning. Russell hit the first slam in the Series in 11 years and Jake Arrieta worked into the sixth as the Cubs, who came to Progressive Field one win from elimination, are now one victory from their first championship since 1908.

Indians ace Corey Kluber, dominant while winning Games 1 and 4, starts again on short rest Wednesday night at home against big league ERA leader Kyle

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Chicago Cubs' Addison Russell celebrates after his grand slam against the Cleveland Indians during the third inning of Game 6 of the World Series Tuesday in Cleveland.

AP Photo/Matt Slocum

## BOARDMAN

# Shaky start sinks Pirates

Riverside's Rubi Salazar leaps over a tackle from Cascade Christian's Erika Worthington in the Pirates' 2-0 loss to the Challengers on Tuesday in Boardman.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



## Riverside eliminated from state playoffs behind first half woes

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

Injuries to a pair of four-year starters pushed No. 8 Riverside to its tipping point, and No. 9 Cascade Christian nudged the Pirates over the edge and out of the 3A girls soccer postseason on Tuesday with a 2-0 win.

It was the first time Riverside

goalkeeper Abigail Hernandez had allowed more than one goal in a game since a preseason loss to 4A Mac-Hi, and the Challengers scored both of them in the first 20 minutes before the Pirates were able to adjust to their larger and faster opponent.



shaky at the beginning, because after we settled, I believe they did a very good job."

"We tried to play like it was another game, another day," said Riverside coach Carlos Velasco, "and I feel our team was a little

Senior defender Jennifer Rodriguez and senior midfielder Xenia Velasco were both sidelined by injuries, and Cascade Christian (9-3-1) found gaps up the middle of the defense on each of their goals.

The first came in the 11th minute when Emily Stephens saw Baylee Plankenhorn unmarked at the top of the penalty box and split

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## HERMISTON

# Bulldogs ready to get back to business

### Hermiston's playoff road starts at St. Helens on Friday

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

After Hermiston defeated Bend three weeks ago, the Bulldogs were in the driver's seat.

The victory bumped Hermiston up the OSAA rankings to the No. 6 spot, ensuring that if Hermiston could win its final two games at Redmond and then at home against Pendleton, the Bulldogs would likely host a first round playoff game at Kennison Field.

However the final two weeks did not play out like Hermiston had hoped. The team took a step back in the loss to Redmond and then even a win over Pendleton did not give the Bulldogs enough RPI points to move up into the top eight in the rankings and

host the game. Instead, Hermiston slots in as the No. 10 seed in the 5A state playoffs and hop on a bus and travel the 211 miles to No. 7 seed St. Helens on Friday night for the first round game.

"St. Helens is a good football team with a few big wins," Hermiston coach David Faeteete said on Tuesday. "They're well-disciplined and like to play smash-mouth football."

Hermiston made the playoffs as a No. 8 seed last year and was ousted by No. 9 seed Wilsonville 49-14 in the first round at Kennison Field. St. Helens also made the playoffs last year — the first time since 2011 — and was

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**Football**

**Hermiston Bulldogs (5-4)**

**St. Helens Lions (7-2)**

- Fri., 7 p.m.
- at St. Helens High School
- Radio: AM 1360 KOHU

## College Basketball

# Ducks must handle expectations in '16

## Oregon opens season ranked No. 5

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon coach Dana Altman is preparing his team for the high expectations that have come with last season's success.

Oregon won a school-record 31 games while claiming

the Pac-12 regular-season and tournament titles. The Ducks earned a first-ever No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and they advanced to Elite Eight for the first time since 2007.

The Ducks finished the season ranked No. 5 in the nation and they're likely to be high in the AP's preseason

poll. Oregon was already selected to finish atop the league in the Pac-12's annual media poll for the first time in school history.

"I think it's something that our guys will have to learn to adjust how hard people are going to come after them. Not only within the league, but the projections on a national scale. We'll have our non-conference opponents

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In this Feb. 7, 2016, file photo, Oregon coach Dana Altman, center, talks with his team during an NCAA college basketball game against Utah in Eugene.

## Sports shorts

### Former Oregon wideout arrested

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Authorities say Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Josh Huff has been charged with possessing an unloaded 9-mm handgun without a permit and a small amount of marijuana after he was pulled over for speeding.

A court complaint filed in Gloucester City, New Jersey, said that Huff was pulled over on the Walt Whitman Bridge around 11 a.m. Tuesday.

A Delaware River Port Authority officer said the gun's magazine was next to the gun and it wasn't loaded.

Huff's bail was set at \$25,000. The Eagles said in a statement that they are aware and are gathering more information.

Huff was the Eagles' third-round pick in 2014 from Oregon. He has two touchdowns this season, including a 98-yard kick return.



Huff

"Not even a little bit ... It's strange to think a couple years ago, to be in this emotional space would be unfathomable ... It's made my transition seamless and I can really just watch and just enjoy the games."

— Kobe Bryant

The former NBA guard appeared at the launch of his latest Nike signature shoe, the "Kobe A.D." on Tuesday, and spoke to the crowd about how he does not miss playing basketball.

### Alabama, Clemson headline first CFB Playoff rankings

(AP) — Texas A&M was ranked fourth behind Alabama, Clemson and Michigan in the season's first College Football Playoff rankings.

The Aggies (7-1) were surprisingly a spot ahead of unbeaten Washington on Tuesday in the first of six selection committee rankings. The Crimson Tide (8-0), Tigers (8-0), Wolverines (8-0) and Huskies (8-0) are the only remaining undefeated teams from Power Five conferences and hold the top four spots in the latest Associated Press poll.

The 12-person committee, however, gave a nod to Texas A&M's strength of schedule.

The final rankings will be released Dec. 4, with the top four teams moving on to the College Football Playoff semifinals on Dec. 31 at the Fiesta and Peach bowls.



**THIS DATE IN SPORTS 1958** — An NFL attendance record is set when 90,833 fans at the Los Angeles Coliseum attend the Rams' 41-35 victory over the Chicago Bears.

**1991** — Nevada makes the biggest comeback in NCAA football history, overcoming a 35-point deficit in the third quarter and rallying to beat Weber State 55-49.

**2007** — Washington misses all 16 of its three-point shots, an NBA record for most attempts without making one, in a 103-83 loss at Boston.

**2015** — LeBron James becomes the youngest player to reach 25,000 career points.

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