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## Prep Roundup

### Knights press past 'Scots

Irrigon boys win home opener

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IRRIGON — A stifling press and strong half-court offense lifted the Irrigon Knights to an early lead they wouldn't relinquish in a non-league game against former league foe Weston-McEwen in its home opener on Tuesday night.

Johnny Philips had a game-high 24 points and the Knights beat the TigerScots 72-43, using big runs in the first and third quarters to seal it.

Irrigon was up 25-11 after the first quarter, using its full-court press to force turnovers as it built the lead. The TigerScots (2-1) settled down and kept the lead from growing in the second quarter, but the Knights turned in a 20-9 third quarter to get the lead to 53-30 going into the final stanza.

Eric Carillo added 13 points for Irrigon (3-1), and Hayden White had nine.

"(Weston-McEwen) came out in a 2-3 zone and we went into a little high-low to get them out of it," said Irrigon coach Davie Salas. "The big guys were moving inside really well, and we were able to distribute the ball really well because of it."

Brett Speed paced Weston-McEwen with 18 points.

Both teams are playing at tournaments on Friday with the TigerScots playing at Kennedy at 7:30 p.m. and the Knights taking on Crane in Heppner at 3 p.m.

WM	11	10	9	13	—	43
IHS	25	8	20	19	—	72

WESTON-MCEWEN — B. Speed 18, B. Dearing 8, B. Rudolph 5, S. Broncheau 4, K. Broncheau 2, J. Speed 2, D. Froese, Q. Picard, J. West.

IRRIGON — J. Philips 24, E. Carillo 13, H. White 9, A. Gomez 5, A. Rice 5, K. Fleming 4, A. Roa 4, L. Covarrubia 3, O. Vera 2, D. Vera. 3-pointers — WM 3-9; IHS 4-12. Free throws — WM 4-7; IHS 9-15. Fouls — WM 15; IHS 12.

**PILOT ROCK 68, HELIX 48** — At Helix, the Rockets used their press defense to pull away from the Grizzlies in the second quarter and never looked back in non-league play on Tuesday.

Chris Weinke scored a game-high 17 points, Bryson Pierce added 14 and Riley Lankford chipped in 10, and Pilot Rock (3-0) finished with 19 team assists.

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## HERMISTON

### All-around effort leads Hermiston to win

Balanced offense, shut-down defense key for Bulldogs



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RICHLAND, Wash. — The Hermiston Bulldogs boys basketball team rolled to another victory

on Tuesday night, taking down the Hanford (WA) Falcons on the road 67-52.

The win pushes the Bulldogs to a perfect 4-0 on the season, the first time the team has started 4-0 in more than a decade. Hermiston coach Casey Arstein said that while the unbeaten streak

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is nice, he just hopes to see his team continue to trend in the right direction with its play.

"It's always nice to win early, but you don't want to get too confident," Arstein said. "You want to make sure you're playing your best basketball in February and

March. But overall it was a great effort, defensively we played pretty well only giving up 11 points in the second and third quarters and on offense the scoring was spread out with at least five guys with seven points."

Chance Flores led the Bulldogs with 21 points and sophomore guard Jordan Ramirez put up 17 points, and Thomas McCullough

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## PENDLETON

### Buckaroos cruise to victory

Efficient offense propels Pendleton past Southridge

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

After earning loss No. 1 of the season over the weekend, the Pendleton Buckaroos knew they needed to play faster and play with more energy to get back in the win column on Tuesday night.

A slow first quarter helped cost the Buckaroos the win in that game, and a much-needed day off on Sunday may have been just what the Buckaroos needed to re-focus themselves. And it all seemed to work as the Buckaroos bounced back in a big way on Tuesday to defeat the Southridge Suns 76-48 at Warberg Court.

"Today it was all about energy and being ready to play at the start and I thought we did that well," Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder said after the game. "We came out, played hard and had contributions all over the place so I'm pretty pleased with the collective effort."

Pendleton (2-1) got a spark of energy right from the start when senior Johnny Stuvland flushed home a one-handed dunk off a fast-break assist from Caden Smith for the team's first points of the game.

"That was big for us," Smith said. "It was definitely a spark that we needed and it got the crowd going too."

After that it was all Buckaroos, as the team led 13-4 after one quarter and eventually built up a 30-point

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**Pendleton's Tyler Newsom goes up for a rebound against Southridge's Mike Hazel in the Bucks' 76-48 win against the Suns on Tuesday in Pendleton.**

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Seattle Seahawks' Earl Thomas leaves the field on a cart after being injured against the Carolina Panthers in the first half of Sunday's game in Seattle.

## NFL

### Seattle loses Thomas for rest of the season

Seahawks defense loses star safety and leader of the secondary

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — It was one thing for the Seattle Seahawks to know they would be without safety Earl Thomas for one game, maybe two.

Now that the former All-Pro safety is

done for the rest of the 2016 season — no matter how far Seattle may advance in the playoffs — the Seahawks are facing a new reality for the rest of this year that doesn't include arguably their most important defensive player on the field.

"I don't think you're going to replace Earl Thomas. He's a very unique player. But he's very quiet. He's not a guy who adds a whole lot on the vocal side. He does it with his play," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said on Monday. "Earl is Earl."

The Seahawks now know the earliest they will see Thomas back on the field

is the 2017 season after he suffered a broken lower left leg in Sunday's 40-7 win over Carolina. While there was an initial thought that Thomas could return if the Seahawks made a deep run in the playoffs, Carroll said further examination on Monday determined the recovery for the fractured tibia is too extensive for the star safety to make it back this season.

It's a crushing injury to the player that makes Seattle's defense function perhaps more than any other. And while

See THOMAS/2B

## Sports shorts

### Red Sox acquire All-Star LHP Chris Sale from White Sox

OXON HILL, Md. (AP) — All-Star ace Chris Sale is joining the reloading Boston Red Sox. Boston acquired Sale on Tuesday for a package of four prospects, including high-priced Yoan Moncada.

Sale was a top trade target at the winter meetings and the AL East champion Red Sox were getting him instead of Washington, which also pursued.

The 27-year-old Sale has been an All-Star in each of the last five seasons, finishing high in the Cy Young Award voting every time. The lefty was 17-10 with a 3.34 ERA this year.

Sale joins a talented rotation that includes recent Cy Young winner Rick Porcello, former winner David Price and All-Star knuckleballer Steven Wright.



Sale

"His work habits are off the charts. He's been very attentive to the program and sticking with it. He's there every day, he grinds through it. I was very encouraged to see him running. We think he's a little ahead of schedule."

— Jerry Dipoto

Seattle Mariners General Manager speaking to MLB.com on the rehab process of Seattle's 2016 first-round draft pick Kyle Lewis. The No. 11 overall pick, Lewis tore his ACL in July.

### Former Heisman winner found dead of suspected suicide

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam was found dead Monday night in a Boulder park less than two miles from Folsom Field, where he carved his name into the University of Colorado record books as one of the greatest players in the program's history.

The Boulder County coroner's office was still investigating the cause of the death of the 42-year-old Salaam, who won the Heisman in 1994. The body of the one-time running back was found at Eben G. Fine Park in Boulder. Police say foul play was not suspected.

Salaam's mother, Khalada, told USA TODAY Sports on Tuesday that police said they suspect he killed himself. "They said they found a note and would share that with us when we get there," Salaam's mother said.



Salaam

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1985** — Auburn tailback Bo Jackson beats Iowa quarterback Chuck Long by 45 points in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy, the closest vote in the 51-year history of the trophy.

**2008** — The Arizona Cardinals clinch their first division title in 33 years by beating the woeful St. Louis Rams 34-10.

**2014** — Robbie Keane scores on a breakaway in the 111th minute, and Landon Donovan wins his record sixth MLS title in the LA Galaxy's 2-1 victory over the New England Revolution in the MLS Cup.

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