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## Prep Basketball

# Tigers fend off TigerScots

Stanfield's Dylan Grogan shoots the ball over Weston-McEwen's Shaw Broncheau in the Tigers' 88-68 win against the TigerScots on Saturday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



## Grogan powers Stanfield with game-high 31 points

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots gave the Stanfield Tigers everything they had on Saturday afternoon, even posing as a threat to snap the No. 1 ranked team in the state's long win-streak to an end.

However, the TigerScots' best shot was still no match for the depth and skill of Stanfield. After Weston-McEwen cut the lead to just six points with 4:32 left to play, Stanfield finished the game on a 20-5 run to capture the Columbia Basin Conference district championship with a 88-68 victory over the TigerScots at the Pendleton Convention Center.

With the regular season league championship already in the Tigers' (19-1) back pocket, the district title is the second of the three major goals the team had set for itself.

"The second game of the year, coach asked what we wanted out of our season," Stanfield senior Enoel Angel said following Saturday's game. "The first was league champs, next was districts and then third was the ultimate

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# Rockets cruise to district title



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pilot Rock's Kayla Deist shoots the ball over Weston-McEwen's Sara Von Borstel in the Rocket's 65-39 win against the TigerScots on Saturday in Pendleton.

## Pilot Rock clinches home playoff game

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Pilot Rock and Weston-McEwen girls basketball teams met for the fourth time this season on Saturday afternoon, though this time there was more on the line.

It was for a district championship and a guaranteed first round playoff game at home.

In each of those previous three meetings, the most recent one a 46-40 win on Tuesday, the margin of victory was an average of just five points. This time, however, the Rockets played one of their most complete games of the season and sprinted away from the TigerScots for a 65-39 victory to capture the district championship at the Pendleton Convention Center.

"We executed through all four quarters and the girls followed the game plan to near perfection," Pilot Rock coach Butch Wilson said after the game. "But if we played them

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## Prep Swimming

# Jennings finishes with two silver medals

Pendleton senior caps off stellar career at state swim meet

By MIKE WEBER  
For the East Oregonian

GRESHAM — A large, 13-member group of Pendleton swimmers competed in Friday's preliminaries of the OSAA Swimming State Championships at Mt. Hood Community College.

On Day 2 of the state meet though, only one Buckaroo swimmer advanced to compete in Saturday's finals and that was standout senior Jon Jennings.

Jennings, who qualified for state all four years of his high school career, competed for the final time in the state meet and he couldn't have asked for better way to conclude his Pendleton career as he was runner-up twice to earn a pair of silver medals Saturday.

"You always hope to do better, but you just have to take whatever you can get and I'm happy with the time's I had in both events," said Jennings, who has been swimming competitively since age five. "I was a little disappointed second place though. However, I can't really feel too bad racing against a guy (Casey McEuen) who breaks the state record twice and is just a

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East Oregonian photo by Mike Weber

Pendleton's John Jennings, second from right, stands on the podium after accepting his silver medal in the 50 yard free-style swim at the OSAA state swimming championships on Saturday at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. Jennings also took second in the 100 yard freestyle.

## MLB

# Mariners adopt 'Whatever It Takes' mantra for upcoming season

Raised expectations after narrowly missing playoffs in 2016

By JOSE M. ROMERO  
Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — The words are displayed prominently inside the Seattle Mariners' spring training clubhouse. In two languages.

Whatever It Takes. Lo Que Sea Necesario.

It's a sign of raised expectations for the Mariners after coming close to a wild-card spot and finishing 86-76 last season.



Seattle Mariners players stretch before a spring training baseball practice on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, in Peoria, Ariz.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

"We've got to stay on the process. It's controlling the zone. It's how we play. If you stay with that, the results kind of take care of

themselves," manager Scott Servais said before meeting with the team Sunday, when the first full-squad workout of spring training was

held. "Chasing the numbers of wins, chasing your ERA, chasing how many homers, that stuff, it takes care of itself.

"Pressure's a privilege," Servais added. "Expectations are great. They should be. That's what we're shooting for. That's what (GM) Jerry (Dipoto) spent all offseason working on, was to get our team a little bit better. It's a good thing."

Robinson Cano and Nelson Cruz are two of the team's leaders, and both figure to miss considerable bonding time with their many new teammates at camp while playing in the World Baseball Classic.

They'll join the Dominican Republic team the first week of March and could be gone a couple

of weeks if the team makes another deep run in the WBC.

"For all the guys that go there and represent their countries, we take a lot of pride in that," Cruz said. "The whole country is excited. Wherever you go, kids to adults, everybody's looking forward to the moment."

Another main presence in clubhouse, ace Felix Hernandez, will head off to join Venezuela's team.

"It's not great, but important for them, they're not going to be on those teams sitting on the bench," Servais said of the three. "They're going to be playing and getting their at-bats. They'll be in very competitive situations. It should help them

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## Sports shorts

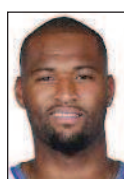
### Kings trade Cousins to Pelicans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — DeMarcus Cousins is on his way out of Sacramento — and right into an All-Star frontcourt pairing with Anthony Davis.

The New Orleans Pelicans acquired Cousins in a five-player, two-draft pick deal with the Kings late Sunday night, the same night the center was playing in the All-Star Game in their arena.

The Kings dealt one of the most talented but temperamental big men in the game along with Omri Casspi to New Orleans for Tyreke Evans, 2016 first-round draft pick Buddy Hield, Langston Galloway and first- and second-round draft picks this summer.

Cousins is averaging 27.8 points and 10.6 rebounds this season. But he is to become a free agent in 2018 unless the Pelicans can sign him to an All-Star caliber extension.



Cousins

"For the record. I know this is going to sound absolutely crazy, but athletes are humans, and not properties of the team they work for."

— Dexter Fowler

St. Louis Cardinals outfielder tweeted the above statement on Sunday in response to harsh criticism he received on Twitter after stating that President Donald Trump's travel ban executive order was "unfortunate." Fowler's wife, Darya, was born in Iran and his wife still has family in the country, which was one of seven singled out by Trump's order.

### Miami upsets No. 18 Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Bruce Brown made a 3-pointer with 23.8 seconds left in overtime and Miami beat No. 18 Virginia 54-48 on Monday night for the Cavaliers fourth straight loss.

Brown scored 14 points to lead the Hurricanes (19-8, 9-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) to their third consecutive victory. Kamari Murphy and Dejan Vasiljevic added 10 points each.

Devon Hall scored 15 points to lead Virginia (18-9, 8-7), which last lost four straight in 2009-10, Tony Bennett's first season as coach. Isaiah Wilkins added 10 points and 10 rebounds, including two free throws with four seconds left in regulation to tie it.

A putback by Marial Shayok with 39 seconds left gave the Cavaliers a 48-47 lead, but Brown made his only 3-pointer of the game on the Hurricanes' ensuing possession, and Miami sealed it at the free-throw line.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1931** — The Chicago White Sox meet the New York Giants in the first major league night game. The 10-inning exhibition is played in Houston.

**1992** — Kristi Yamaguchi wins America's first Olympic gold medal in women's figure skating since 1976. Midori Ito of Japan takes the silver and Nancy Kerrigan of the United States wins bronze.

**2003** — Michael Jordan becomes the first 40-year-old in NBA history to score 40 or more points, getting 43 in the Washington Wizards' 89-86 win over the New Jersey Nets.

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