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## Mariners rally, avoid sweep

Seattle scores two in ninth for win No. 1 on season

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Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jarrod Dyson hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning and Jean Segura drove in a run later in the inning to lift the Seattle Mariners to a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Thursday night.

The game was tied at 2 entering the ninth before Danny Valencia walked with one out and Carlos Ruiz was plunked by Ken Giles (0-1). They were replaced by pinch-runners Taylor Motter and Guillermo Heredia before Dyson's fly ball landed between left fielder Nori Aoki and center fielder Jake Marisnick to allow Motter to score and put Seattle on top.

Segura singled with two outs to send Heredia home for an insurance run that made it 4-2.

Dan Altavilla (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win and Edwin Diaz struck out two in a perfect ninth for his first save.

Mitch Haniger homered in the third and Kyle Seager's RBI tied it in the sixth to help the Mariners to their first win of the year after dropping the first three games of this series.

George Springer hit a leadoff homer for Houston, and Marwin Gonzalez added his second homer of the year with a solo shot in the third to put the Astros up 2-1.

Houston starter Joe Musgrove allowed five hits and two runs while walking three in five-plus innings.

Ariel Miranda yielded five hits and two runs in five innings in his 11th major league start.

The Mariners tied it in the third inning on Haniger's two-out homer.

### UP NEXT

Mariners: Yovani Gallardo will make his Mariners debut as Seattle starts a three-game series at the Angels on Friday. Gallardo went 6-8 with a 5.42 ERA in 23 starts for Baltimore in 2016.

Astros: Right-hander Mike Fiers makes his 2017 debut when the Astros open a three-game series against Kansas City on Friday.



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith  
Seattle Mariners' Mitch Haniger, left, celebrates his solo home run off with Leonys Martin during the third inning of Thursday's game in Houston.

### Sports shorts

#### Johnson withdraws from Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Dustin Johnson arrived at Augusta National on quite a roll, having won his last three tournaments.

He never even took a shot at the first major of the year.

The world's No. 1-ranked player was forced to withdraw from the Masters on Thursday because of a lower back injury suffered less than 24 hours earlier in a freak fall at the home he was renting for the week.

"I was wanting to play," Johnson said. "I just can't swing."

Clearly in pain during a limited warmup session, Johnson still intended to at least try to play Thursday. He walked slowly toward the first hole, where he was paired with Bubba Watson and Jimmy Walker in the final group of the opening round.

Then, at the last possible moment, Johnson changed his mind.



Johnson

"That flap, man, that thing just saved my life. The crazy thing about it is I was thinking about taking it off a couple days ago, too, and then this happens. I'm never taking that thing off ... It just felt like I got punched by Mike Tyson. But other than that I feel good."

— Keon Broxton

The Milwaukee Brewers outfielder left Thursday's game against Colorado after getting hit with a pitch on the cheek flap of his batting helmet. Broxton suffered only a slight nasal fracture.

#### WIAA approves language for possible Hermiston acceptance

RENTON, Washington — At its executive board meeting on March 18-19, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association approved the first reading of its set of criteria to allow out-of-state schools to join the association.

That move cracks the door for Hermiston High's possible move north, a desire for the school to cut down on travel time and missed class time for each of its athletic teams. Hermiston athletic director Larry Usher said in a text message Thursday that from what he has heard, the criteria was very well received from the board.

The next step for Hermiston is to await the OSAA executive board's meeting on Monday, April 10, as it will discuss the same policy and decide whether to give Hermiston its support to pursue the WIAA, which is necessary as it is criteria No. 1 for the WIAA to accept.



#### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

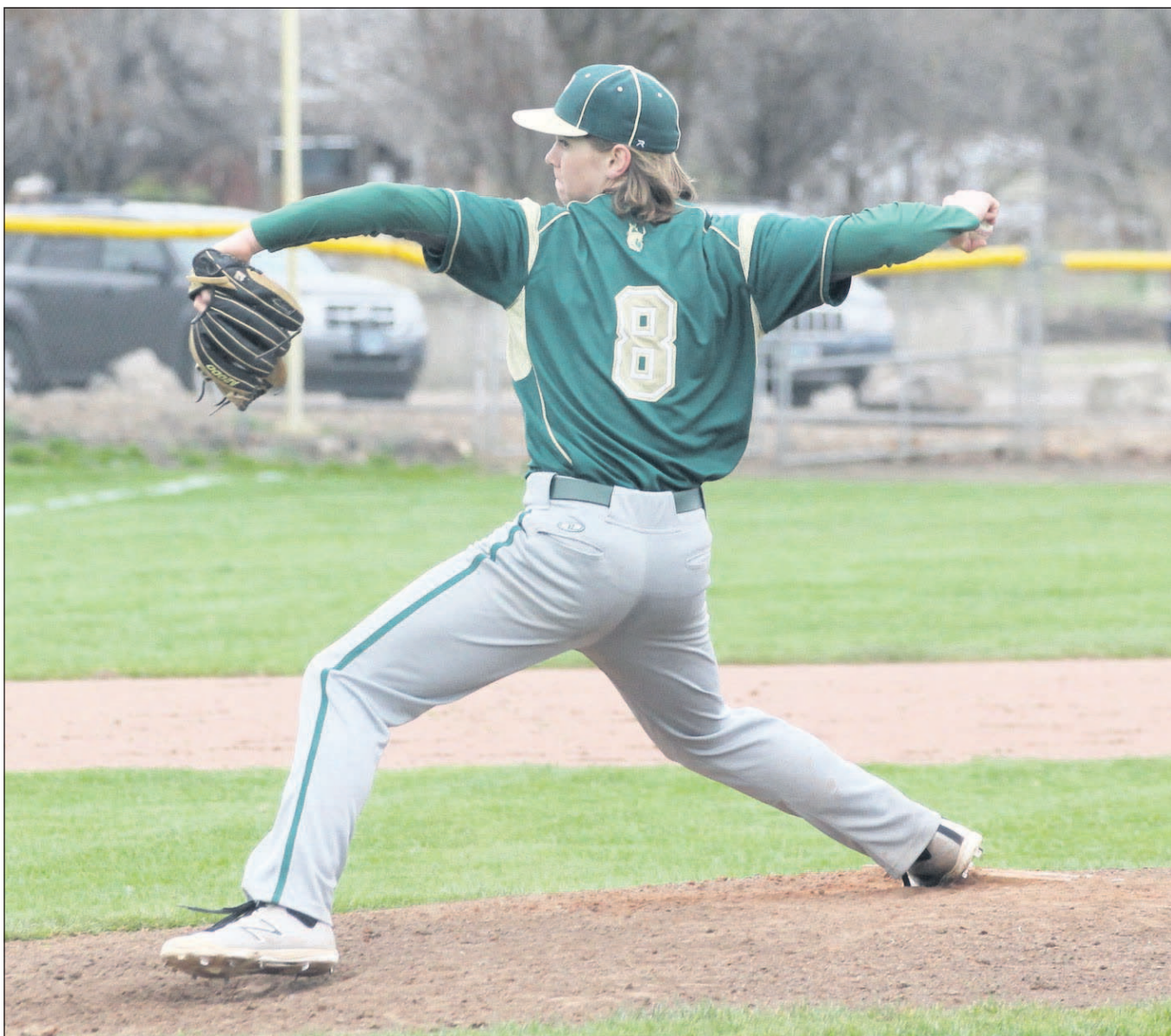
2003 — Syracuse wins the NCAA tournament with an 81-78 victory over Kansas. Freshman Carmelo Anthony, fighting off a bad back, finishes with 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

2007 — Vince Carter and Jason Kidd are the first teammates with triple-doubles in the same game since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen in 1989. Carter scores 46 points, adds a career-best 16 rebounds and 10 assists. Kidd has 16 rebounds, 18 assists and adds a late free throw for 10 points to lead New Jersey to a 120-114 overtime win over Washington.

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### Prep Roundup

## Strong starts help Bucks split



Pendleton's Daniel Naughton delivers a pitch during the first game of a doubleheader against La Grande on Thursday in La Grande. Pendleton lost 5-4 in 10 innings.

Photo by Ronald Bond/The La Grande Observer

## Pendleton pitching shows progress against La Grande

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Pendleton's Wyatt Morris throws to first to get the out in the first game of a baseball doubleheader against La Grande on Thursday in La Grande.



Photo by Ronald Bond/The La Grande Observer



LA GRANDE — It would appear Pendleton's pitchers are beginning to settle in after the inconsistencies that followed them through the first two weeks of the season were nowhere to be found on Thursday in a non-league doubleheader at La Grande.

Both of Pendleton's starters were in command of the strike zone and lasted five complete innings in the types of performances coach T.J. Haguewood has been saying he knew would come, but the Buckaroos could only take advantage of one of them.

An inability to bring runners in from scoring position cost the Bucks in the opener as La Grande outlasted them 5-4 in 10 innings.

Pendleton made sure it at least got

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 Pendleton 4-6	 La Grande 5-1
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the split, though, and won the second game 6-1.

Daniel Naughton took the mound to open the afternoon, and was hitting his spots for eight strikeouts with just one walk to keep the game close though he would leave trailing 2-1 after five.



Pendleton tied the score in the top of the sixth when Jared Beveridge laid down a perfect bunt with the bases loaded and one out, but the Bucks struck out twice in a row to end the threat.

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NBA

## Crabbe's 25 points leads Portland past Minnesota

Blazers wipe away halftime deficit with fourth quarter comeback

 Minnesota 98	 Portland 105
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By ANNE M. PETERSON  
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PORTLAND — Allen Crabbe had 25 points, including a career-high eight 3-pointers, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 105-98 Thursday night to snap a two-game losing streak.

Damian Lillard added 22 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for Portland, which held onto the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference ahead of the Denver

Nuggets with three games to go. Andrew Wiggins had 36 points for the Timberwolves, who have already been eliminated. Karl-Anthony Towns added 24 points and 16 rebounds.

After trailing by 15 points in the third quarter, Crabbe's running 3-pointer gave the Blazers a 92-89 lead with 8:25 left. Lillard added a layup and Crabbe made another 3 to push the lead to 97-91 while the

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Portland Trail Blazers guard Allen Crabbe hits a shot over Minnesota Timberwolves guard Brandon Rush during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Thursday, April 6, 2017.

AP Photo/Steve Dykes