

# EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

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## HERMISTON



Photo courtesy of Kari Christiansen  
The Hermiston lacrosse team piles up after beating Selah 21-2 on Tuesday at Kennison Field in Hermiston.

## Bulldogs lacrosse wins 2nd straight

*East Oregonian*

The Hermiston Bulldogs lacrosse team hosted Selah (WA) on Tuesday evening, and made Selah's 222-mile round trip a disappointing one as Hermiston pummeled the Vikings by a score of 21-2 at Kennison Field.

It's the second straight victory for Hermiston (2-5), who has found its scoring touch with a combined 35 goals in both wins. Hermiston beat Cleveland 14-4 on Saturday for its first win of the season.

Bradlee Giusti, Luke Walchli, Tucker Salinas and Calvin Giesen each tallied hat tricks in the game for Hermiston, while Brady Christiansen scored two goals. Arden Calderon, Hunter Thompson, Elias Sandoval, Ian Bush, Ryan Arnold, Omar Garcia and Kaden Smith each scored one goal in the game.

Hermiston will next travel to a pair of High Desert League schools, first at Ridgeview (4-1) on Friday night and then at Sisters (2-3) on Saturday.

**Hermiston goalie Josh Hasty brings the ball out during a lacrosse game against Selah on Tuesday at Kennison Field in Hermiston.**

Contributed photo courtesy of Kari Christiansen



## NBA

# Blazers fall in home finale



AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/lyer  
New Orleans Pelicans center Alexis Ajinca, left, looks for a shot as Portland Trail Blazers forward Meyers Leonard defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

## Portland finishes regular season .500

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
*Associated Press*

PORTLAND — Jordan Crawford had 15 points and the New Orleans Pelicans snapped a five-game losing streak with a 103-100 victory over the playoff-bound Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Cheick Diallo had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Pelicans, who finished 34-48 and out of the playoffs for the second straight season.

New Orleans  
**103**

Portland  
**100**

Shabazz Napier had 25 points for Portland in the loss, which snapped a three-game winning streak. The Blazers, who will face Golden State in the opening round of the playoffs, rested starters Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum.

The Pelicans pulled ahead 94-93 on Diallo's layup with 4:01 left, then stretched the lead on Crawford's jumper and a 3-pointer.

Meyers Leonard closed the gap to 99-95 for the Blazers with a long jumper. Following free throws, Noah Vonleh's hook shot got the Blazers within 101-100.

Quinn Cook made a pair of free throws for New Orleans before Tim Quarterman missed a pair for Portland on the other end to end it.

Portland clinched the eighth

See BLAZERS/2B

## Bulls, Pacers grab last 2 playoff spots

### NBA playoffs set to start on Saturday

By TIM REYNOLDS  
*Associated Press*

Dwyane Wade is going back to the playoffs. The Miami Heat aren't going with him.

The field for the NBA postseason is set, with

Wade and the Chicago Bulls claiming one of the last two available spots on the final night of the regular season. The other went to the Indiana Pacers, who downed the Atlanta Hawks.

The Bulls and Pacers winning eliminated the

Heat, who finished 41-41 after beating Washington. Miami was 11-30 in the first half of the season, then 30-11 in the second half of the season.

And Wade, in his first season with the Bulls, is going to the playoffs for the 12th time.

"Now the fun begins,"

Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said.

So now the matchups are set.

Boston wrapped up the No. 1 seed with a win over Milwaukee. The Celtics are the sixth different franchise to grab the No. 1 seed in the East in the past six seasons

See NBA/2B

## MLB

# Mariners pitching struggles as Astros run away with victory

## Seattle's 5-0 lead evaporates as Astros rally

By JIM HOEHN  
*Associated Press*

SEATTLE — Jose Altuve hit three singles and drew two walks, helping the Houston Astros overcome an early five-run deficit and rally past the Seattle Mariners 10-5 on Wednesday night.

Four Houston relievers combined for five scoreless innings after starter Mike Fiers got knocked around. Tony Sipp, Brad Peacock

(2-0), Luke Gregerson and Jandel Gustave allowed just three hits.

Carlos Beltran drove in three runs for Houston, which trailed 5-0 after three innings.

The Astros scored three times in the seventh off Dan Altavilla (1-1) for a 6-5 lead, with Alex Bregman's RBI double putting them ahead. Carlos Correa capped the comeback by scoring on a wild pitch.

Houston added three more in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Josh Reddick and two-run

Houston  
**10**

Seattle  
**5**

double by Beltran. Fiers lasted just four innings, allowing five runs and six

hits.

The Mariners scored twice in the first and then made it 3-0 when Mike Freeman, called up from Triple-A on Tuesday, opened the second with his first homer.

Seattle extended the lead to 5-0 in the third on Taylor Motter's first homer, a two-run shot.

Mariners starter Yovani Gallardo walked three in the fourth to begin Houston's

rally. Reddick and Altuve opened with walks and Correa singled to load the bases. Gallardo struck out Beltran and Bregman before walking Brian McCann to force in a run.

Yuli Gurriel followed with an RBI single up the middle, but second baseman Robinson Cano made a diving stop on the grass and flipped the ball home, catching Correa off third, and he was tagged out in a rundown to end the inning.

### UP NEXT

Mariners: Felix Hernandez makes his third start of the season on Friday against Texas.



**Houston's Carlos Correa (1) runs toward the tag on him at home by Seattle pitcher Yovani Gallardo to end a rundown during the fourth inning of Wednesday's game in Seattle.**

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

## Sports shorts

### Oregon's Brooks declares for NBA

EUGENE (AP) — Oregon junior forward Dillon Brooks says he is entering the NBA draft.

Brooks announced his decision, which was widely anticipated, in a video posted on www.positionless.com.

Brooks praised Oregon's coaches in the video, saying, "I was not highly recruited and they believed in me from the jump."

The Pac-12's Player of the Year has hired an agent, which ends his eligibility with the Ducks.

Brooks averaged 16.1 points per game this season for Oregon, which went to the Final Four. Known as clutch performer, he scored game-winners against Tennessee, UCLA and Cal this season.

Brooks is the second Oregon player to say he will leave school for the NBA after sophomore Tyler Dorsey declared on Monday.



Brooks

"People are looking to move up and we're listening."

— Ruth Riley

San Antonio Stars general manager as the WNBA prepares to hold its draft. The Stars hold the No. 1 and No. 5 picks in tonight's draft. Washington's Kelsey Plum is considered the consensus choice for the No. 1 pick.

### City of St. Louis sues NFL over loss of Rams to Los Angeles

ST. LOUIS (AP) The city of St. Louis and that region's sports authority are suing the National Football League over the Rams' relocation to Los Angeles.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in St. Louis Circuit Court also names the NFL's 32 teams as defendants and seeks unspecified damages and restitution.

The lawsuit alleges the Rams failed to meet league relocation rules when leaving for Los Angeles before last season, constituting a contractual breach with St. Louis.

The lawsuit alleges that St. Louis has lost an estimated \$1.85 million to \$3.5 million each year in amusement and ticket tax collections, as well as roughly \$7.5 million in property taxes. In total, the city will have lost more than \$100 million in net proceeds.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1957** — The Boston Celtics capture their first NBA championship as rookie Tommy Heinsohn scores 37 points and grabs 23 rebounds in a 125-123 double OT victory over the St. Louis Hawks in Game 7.

**1984** — Pete Rose of the Montreal Expos collects the 4,000th hit of his career with a double in the fourth inning.

**1997** — Tiger Woods wins the Masters by a record 12 strokes at Augusta National. Closing with a 69, Woods finished at 18-under 270, the lowest score in the Masters and matching the most under par by anyone in any of the four Grand Slam events.

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