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Prep Roundup

Lady Bucks fourth in Bend

Greb shoots 77 to place second

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton girls golf team finished fourth after a challenging round at Bend Country Club on Monday, and was feeling enthused despite not shooting its best on a chilly afternoon in central Oregon.

The Buckaroos were 39 shots off the lead of team winners Bend, and senior Haley Greb said that gap is small enough for the Bucks to make a serious run at the Lava Bears on a different day.

“Overall I think the team is in good spirits because we know we didn’t shoot our best and we’re not far from Summit (which placed second with 364) and these bigger schools,” she said.

Greb was second medalist with a 77 to end her streak of consecutive tournament wins this season at five, but had three birdies on a her scorecard and was pretty happy with her play from the tees and fairways.

The greens seemed to give everybody trouble, though, and Pendleton coach Terry Prouse said a fresh cut and roll by the grounds crew made for firm surfaces that proved difficult for placing chip shots and putting.

Greb said she had too many three-putts, and didn’t end the round like she wanted, but wasn’t too worried about it.

“I hit my irons well, just couldn’t get a finish on the green,” she said. “But you can’t do it every day. You’re going to face adversity on the golf course.”

Summit’s Olivia Loberg was medalist with a one-over par 73.

Also for Pendleton on Monday were: Megan George, 98; Rylee Harris, 110; McKenzie McLeod, 107; Lauren Galloway 121.

RODEO

HERMISTON — Pendleton roper Trent Sorey was the only local to claim an average title at the weekend’s doubleheader high school rodeos at Farm-City Arena.

Sorey won the tie-down title with an aggregate time of 20.71 seconds on two head, and vaulted himself to the top of the standings with a 9.12 that won Sunday’s round of competition. He was third in the first round with an 11.59.

Jacee Currin, of Heppner, won the first round of goat tying on Saturday morning in 8.12 as the only other Intermountain team member to win an event in a round.

Arlington’s Joely Patnode tied for the first round win in breakaway roping with 2.98.

Jake Raley (steer wrestling, team roping) won the boys’ all-around title and Kimberly Williams (breakaway, goat tying, pole bending) was the girls’ champ.

Lindsay Doran won the Janice Davis Memorial Award with her 17.671-second barrel race on Saturday that was the fastest of the weekend.

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Sports shorts

Puzey brothers compete at Boston

BOSTON — Two men with Hermiston roots were among those crossing the finish line in the 121st Boston Marathon on Monday.

Former Hermiston High runner and coach Jacob Puzey, currently of Calgary, Alberta, finished 37th in the men’s race in a time of 2 hours, 26 minutes, 52 seconds, which was about 18 minutes off the pace of champion Geoffrey Kirui of Kenya who won over Oregon’s Galen Rupp in a time of 2:08:37.

Puzey’s younger brother Thomas of Flagstaff, Arizona, was 16th in a time of 2:18:20.

Americans had six of the top 10 finishers in the men’s race and two of the top four women.

Kenyan policewoman Edna Kiplagat won the women’s race in 2:21:52, needing only one try in Boston to add it to wins in London, New York and Los Angeles.



Jacob Puzey

NBA

Durant shines for Warriors in Game 1

Golden State holds off hot-shooting Portland in series opener

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin

Durant patted his chest after two big baskets in the fourth quarter and let everybody know “I got this!” Stephen Curry knocked down a timely baseline 3-pointer, reached his hand high and gestured to further ignite a raucous sellout crowd.

On a day Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum put on a dazzling display of shot-making for Portland, the NBA’s top-seeded team of superstars

found its touch down the stretch and defended with purpose.

Durant had 32 points and 10 rebounds in his Golden State playoff debut, Curry scored 29 points, and the Warriors withstood that sensational day by the Trail Blazers’ dynamic backcourt duo to win Game 1 of the first-round series 121-109 on Sunday.

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First Round



- Game 3 (TNT)
- Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- at Oracle Arena
- GS leads series 1-0

PENDLETON

Buckaroos start league right



Pendleton’s Shaw Jerome gets caught in a rundown between Dawson Hoffman (8) and Tyler Westin, of The Dalles, Saturday at Bob White Field.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

After rough preseason slate, Pendleton sweeps The Dalles in CRC debut

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

The non-conference season wasn’t too kind to the Pendleton baseball team, as the Bucks managed just four wins out of the 13 games.

Pendleton got a bit of a fresh start on Saturday afternoon when it hosted The Dalles for its Columbia River Conference opener. The Buckaroos took advantage of the new season by sweeping the doubleheader against the Riverhawks 7-6 and 13-7 on a sunny day

at Bob White Field.

“It’s a great start and a huge confidence boost for our team,” Pendleton junior Nick Bower said. “To come out and get the sweep was great and we played well too, so it’s huge for us.”

“Good baseball all the way

around with good weather,” Pendleton coach T.J. Haguewood added. “But starting off league 2-0, that’s our goal. We want to go undefeated in league and compete every game. I’m happy for the boys and hope-

See BASEBALL/2B

Pendleton grinds out two

Bucks softball sweeps doubleheader with The Dalles

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

The Pendleton softball offense for the 2017 season could be best described as inconsistent.

Some games the Buckaroos look like one of the more complete teams in the state with contributions from every spot in the lineup. And then other games they struggle to string together productive at-bats.

Through the first 14 games of the season,

Pendleton was averaging 6.2 runs per game and had crossed double-digit runs just three times, a far cry from the 10.1 runs averaged and eight double-digit games to start the season in 2016.

In Saturday’s league-opening doubleheader against The Dalles, the Buckaroos’ offense showed both the good and the bad sides all in one day, though they did what they have done all season which was grind out victories at Steve Cary Field. The bats were relatively quiet in Game 1 when Pendleton won 7-2, but then busted out for 11 hits and 12 runs in a 12-0 victory in five innings in Game 2.

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Pendleton’s Tatum Fell fields a long hit Saturday against The Dalles at Steve Cary Field.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Cano, Cruz power Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) Robinson Cano and Nelson Cruz hit consecutive first-inning homers, Ariel Miranda pitched seven scoreless innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Miami Marlins 6-1 Monday night in Ichiro Suzuki’s first visit to Safeco Field as a member of the 3,000-hit club.

Miranda (1-1) allowed four singles and only one runner to reach second base while striking out five. Nick Vincent pitched a perfect eighth before Evan Scribner allowed Christian Yelich’s third home run in the ninth.

The Mariners won their fourth straight after a 2-8 start. Cano crushed a 2-1 pitch from Tom Koehler (0-1) 441 feet to right-center for his second home run, a two-run shot that scored Jarrod Dyson. Cruz followed with his second homer, lining a 1-1 pitch to center to make it 3-0.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1962 — Boston’s Bill Russell scores 30 points and grabs 40 rebounds to lead the Celtics to a 110-107 overtime win over the Los Angeles Lakers and their fourth consecutive NBA title.

1999 — Wayne Gretzky ends his NHL career at Madison Square Garden with an assist, setting up a second-period goal and the New York Rangers fall to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime. Before the game, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman announces the league is retiring No. 99 in honor of “The Great One.”

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— Elaine F. Marshall

North Carolina Secretary of State in a prepared statement following a guilty plea by former NFL agent Terry Watson, 43, to violating North Carolina’s sports agent law by providing thousands of dollars in improper benefits to three former Tar Heels football players.