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HERMISTON

Pack of Bulldogs sign with T-Wolves

BMCC soccer adds more local talent for first team

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

When the Hermiston boys soccer team lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to Woodburn in the state quarterfinals in November, many of the team's 11 seniors thought that it was their final time playing the game they love together.

However, on Wednesday six of those seniors decided that the playoff game wasn't their last time together. Anthony

Carillo, Eli Lopez, Gio Madrigal, Hiram Maciel, Isaac Munoz, and Ismael Arenas all signed National Letters of Intent with Blue Mountain Community College and be a part of the school's first-ever men's soccer team in the fall. The six made it official at a signing party in the Hermiston High commons, and were all happy to know they will continue playing as teammates.

"It's a great feeling because I've grown up with these guys and we all know how to play with each other," Lopez said. "I'm excited about what's going to happen this year and I'm looking forward to it."

It was also an emotional day for the athletes, as all six were also fulfilling
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Six Hermiston seniors smile with BMCC soccer coach Art Moda, center, after all signed to play soccer for the school on Wednesday. Pictured from left are Ismael Arenas, Eli Lopez, Anthony Carillo, Isaac Munoz, Gio Madrigal, and Hiram Maciel.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

MLB Haniger guides M's to victory

Rookie outfielder extends hit streak to 13 games

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Rookie Mitch Haniger extended his hitting streak to 13 games with three hits and four RBIs, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Miami Marlins 10-5 on Wednesday for their fifth win in six games.

Seattle has stabilized after a shaky first 10 day, receiving a punch of offense on a day Felix Hernandez (2-1) did not have his best stuff.

Haniger led the charge. A night after breaking up a potential no-hitter with a ninth-inning double, Haniger scored in the first inning, had a two-run single in the second and clanged a two-run double off the wall in deep center field in the fourth. Kyle Seager also drove in four runs and was on base four times as the Mariners went 6-3 on their only homestand of April.

Miami starter Edinson Volquez (0-2) barely made it through three innings, giving up four runs and five hits. He walked four for the second straight start.

Haniger was considered the extra piece of Seattle's biggest offseason

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AP Photo/Elaine Thompson
Seattle's Mitch Haniger singles in a pair of runs against the Miami Marlins in the second inning of Wednesday's game in Seattle.

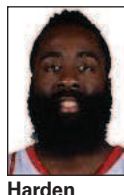
Sports shorts

Harden outduels Westbrook as Rockets take 2-0 series lead

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden scored 35 points and the Houston Rockets overcame 51 points from Russell Westbrook in a triple-double, clawing back from a double-digit deficit for a 115-111 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in the first-round Western Conference playoff series.

Westbrook set a franchise playoff scoring record and added 13 assists and 10 rebounds in the most points ever scored in a postseason triple-double. It was the sixth career playoff triple-double for Westbrook, who had an NBA-record 42 in the regular season.

Game 3 is Friday night in Oklahoma City. The game was tied before Houston scored 10 straight to make it 114-104 with 1:22 remaining.



Harden

"At the end of the day, does this fight make a ton of sense for me? It really doesn't. But Conor wants this thing really bad and I've said this many times: The kid's stepped up and saved some big fights for me. I'm in. I'll figure it out."

— Dana White

UFC president revealed his feelings for the proposed boxing match between Floyd Mayweather and Conor McGregor on Wednesday, and said there is still a lot of work to be done with negotiations to make it a reality.

Buccaneers next NFL team to take on HBO's Hard Knocks

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Coming off their first winning season in nearly a decade, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be featured on HBO's "Hard Knocks" sports reality series during training camp — an opportunity coaches and players are embracing but hardly sought.

The team was selected from among eight clubs meeting NFL criteria for consideration for the popular five-episode series that takes viewers behind the scenes of a club's preparation for the regular season.

Tampa Bay joins the Baltimore Ravens, Dallas Cowboys, Cincinnati Bengals, Kansas City Chiefs, Miami Dolphins, Houston Texans, Atlanta Falcons, Los Angeles Rams and New York Jets as clubs that have participated in the series.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1912 — Fenway Park opens in Boston with the Red Sox beating the New York Yankees 7-6 in 11 innings.

2006 — Julio Franco becomes the oldest player in major league history to hit a home run, helping his New York Mets rally for a 7-2 win over San Diego. Franco, 47, replaces Athletics pitcher Jack Quinn in the record book who was 46 years, 357 days old when he homered in June of 1930.

2008 — Danica Patrick becomes the first female winner in IndyCar history, capturing the Indy Japan 300 in her 50th career start. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com

NBA Playoffs

Durant-less Warriors fly by Blazers



Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) scores against the Portland Trail Blazers during the first half in Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, April 19, 2017, in Oakland, Calif.

AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Portland falls into 2-0 hole against defending Western Conference champs

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

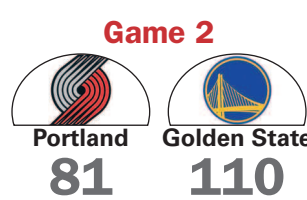
OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry scored 19 points on an off night, JaVale McGee sparked Golden State off the bench with 15 points, and the short-handed Warriors beat the Portland Trail Blazers 110-81 in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series Wednesday night without injured leading scorer Kevin Durant.

McGee shined on a night none of the usual stars found their consistent shooting strokes. The

backup big man made all seven of his field-goal attempts and delivered several more of his signature alley-oop dunks as Durant watched with a strained left calf he hurt in the playoff opener Sunday.

Draymond Green had another fantastic all-around game, getting 12 rebounds, 10 assists, six points and three more blocked shots after swatting five in Sunday's win.

Curry went 6 for 18 and also



had six assists and six rebounds. Klay Thompson was 6 of 17 with 16 points and CJ McCollum and Damian Lillard were hardly the dynamic scoring duo for Portland they'd been combining for 75 points only three days earlier.

Again, Golden State did it on defense — holding the Blazers to 12 points in the third. And now the Warriors own a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series as it shifts

to Portland for Saturday's Game 3, just as Steve Kerr's group did going ahead on the Blazers in last year's Western Conference semifinal won in five games.

Maurice Harkless scored all of his 15 points in the first half and the Blazers gave up seven straight points to start the third as the Warriors were off and running. Portland played again without center Jusuf Nurkic, and missed him. The 7-footer still isn't 100 percent from a nondisplaced fracture in his right leg that side-
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Prep Roundup

Thieme's gem guides Rockets to sixth straight win

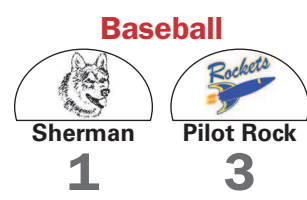
Pilot Rock sits alone in second place in Special District 6

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PILOT ROCK — The Pilot Rock baseball team was able to get in half of its doubleheader

against Sherman before Wednesday's flash storm hit, and came away with a 3-1 win after a gem on the mound by Levi Thieme.

Thieme overcame some early issues to settle in and retired 10 straight Sherman batters in the middle innings. He gave up just three hits, struck out



nine and walked four, but didn't allow a runner past second after the first inning to keep the Rockets undefeated in Special District 6.

Sherman (8-3, 5-2 SD6) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Mav Winslow walked on four straight balls and later scored on a line

drive to right field by Bradley Moe.

Thieme, who was coming off a 10-strikeout one-hitter in a 9-0 win over Grant Union in his last start, walked the next batter but got the third out on a looking strikeout.

Pilot Rock (7-4, 5-0) got the run back in the bottom of the first when Joe St. Pierre doubled, advanced to third on a ground-out
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