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## PENDLETON

# Timberwolves baseball splits with Sasquatch

## BMCC offense sputters as season winds down

East Oregonian

The Blue Mountain baseball team welcomed in a Spokane on Wednesday, a team that needs all the wins it can get as the regular season winds down with the Sasquatch fighting for a spot in the postseason.

But standing in Spokane's way was a BMCC team

that wanted to give the Sasquatch its best shot. With the T-Wolves out of the postseason race, the team is playing for pride and momentum as the program tries to climb upward.

But even with all BMCC gave, the Timberwolves could only muster one victory out of the day as they knocked off Spokane 3-0 in the opener but then lost the second game 12-1 in eight innings.

In Game 1, BMCC (17-23, 8-14 East) had the majority of its offensive production in the

first inning, tallying five of the eight hits and all three runs at the start. Chase Labbe started the Timberwolves offense with a single and then was moved to third with a pair of groundouts.

But then the T-Wolves broke through with two outs on a RBI single by Nate Cantonwine and a two-RBI single by Rodney Scarver for a 3-0 lead. And that was all the offense the team needed,

**Spokane**  
0-12

**Blue Mountain**  
3-1

as starting pitcher Cole Connolly was brilliant on the mound.

Connolly, a freshman out of Milton, Washington, threw 6 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing just seven hits and two walks with five strikeouts. He threw 87 total pitches and 71 percent strikes in what was his longest start of the season.

However in the second game, it was Spokane's (20-15, 13-9) pitching

that got the upper hand as Ryan Byrd struck out 10 Timberwolves and allowed just seven hits and one run in seven innings. BMCC got its only run in the bottom of the third with an RBI double by Tanner Broom that brought home TJ Rea from first.

The Timberwolves defense didn't do themselves any favors either, as five errors were tallied in Game 2. BMCC starting pitcher Chase Root felt the pain from the booted balls, as he allowed five runs in three innings, but only one was an

earned run.

UP NEXT

BMCC has only three series left to play, and next hosts Columbia Basin for a double-header on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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## MLB

# Mariners rally past Angels

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jarrod Dyson's two-out, two-run double in the eighth inning pulled Seattle even, Jean Segura followed with a two-run single to take the lead and the Mariners rallied late for an 8-7 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

Seattle watched an early 4-0 lead evaporate because of shaky relief pitching. But the Mariners came through in the eighth inning scoring all four runs with two outs to snap a three-game losing streak.

Singles by Kyle Seager and Danny Valencia, and a walk to Taylor Motter off Angels reliever Blake Parker (0-2) loaded the bases with two outs. Dyson fell behind 0-2 but dropped a double off the end of the bat into shallow right field to score two and pull the Mariners even. Segura then chopped a single through the left side of the infield to give Seattle the lead.

Segura had a career-high four RBIs, including a two-run homer in the fifth inning. Robinson Cano hit his fifth home run of the season.

Jean Machi (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth inning and Edwin Diaz worked a shaky ninth for his fifth save. Kole Calhoun hit a solo home run with two outs, and Diaz followed by hitting Mike Trout on the arm, but he struck out Albert Pujols to end the game.

Trout ignited the Angels' one big rally with a two-run homer as the Angels sent 10 batters to the plate in the sixth inning. Trout's homer off Seattle starter Hisashi Iwakuma was his eighth of the season, extended his hitting streak to a career-best 16 games and came on the day he was named the American League player of the month for April.

Seattle reliever Emilio Pagan gave up three hits and three earned runs in his major league debut in relief of Iwakuma. His only out recorded was a leaping catch at the wall by Guillermo Heredia that robbed Andrelton Simmons of a three-run homer. But the Angels had seven hits in the inning, capped by a two-run double by Yunel Escobar.

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## PENDLETON

# Bulldog netters sweep Bucks



Jose Mendoza, of Hermiston, hits a forehand shot during his match with Pendleton's Lincoln Johnson on Wednesday at West Hills Courts.

## Hermiston boys and girls tennis beats Pendleton

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

As if the first warm afternoon of the tennis season wasn't enough to make the Hermiston Bulldogs sweat, the Pendleton Buckaroos added some additional heat to forge one of the closest matches between the schools in recent history.

Each team won three matches but Hermiston held on to sweep the season series, only because No. 3 doubles team Eli Muniz and Allan Zepeda was able to win their second set and force a tiebreaker. They lost the match, but that second-set win pushed Hermiston over the top 7-6 on sets.

The Bulldogs' wins came at Nos. 1 and 2 doubles, and No. 2 singles.

Pendleton's Lincoln Johnson won at No. 1 singles over Jose Mendoza 6-1, 6-3, and lost his grip on his racket late in the second set as Mendoza closed within a game at 4-3 with back-to-back wins.

"That was just sweat on my hand. It's unfortunate, but it happens I guess," Johnson said, adding that it felt much warmer than the reported high of 76 degrees. "We haven't had a day like this for tennis this season, it

## College Football

# Matt Mariota makes a move with the Ducks

## Younger Mariota has brother as mentor

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

Oregon tight end Matt Mariota has a most impressive mentor.

Older brother Marcus is just a phone call or text away, and in some cases this offseason, he was just a short walk away at the Ducks' athletic facilities.

"He's actually really helpful. He and I, we'll text each other after every practice. He wants to see some film; he'll criticize me on certain stuff," Matt said. "But it's a blessing to have him, because,

especially at tight end, they're really, really, really in tune with quarterbacks. So having a brother as a quarterback makes it a lot easier."

While Matt was busy learning a new position during spring practices over the past several weeks, his older brother was busy working on his return to the Tennessee Titans.

Marcus broke his right leg at the end of the last season and he rehabbed both back home in Hawaii and in Eugene. The 2014 Heisman Trophy winner worked out — appropriately enough — at the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center in the Casanova

See MARIOTA/2B



In this April 30, 2015, file photo, former Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota, right, poses for a picture with his family at the Saint Louis Alumni Clubhouse on NFL Draft Day in Honolulu. His brother Matthew Mariota, left, Toa Mariota, his father, left center, and his mother Alana Deppe-Mariota, center right.

## Sports shorts

### Brandon Roy shot at party

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former NBA player Brandon Roy was injured in a shooting while attending a party in Southern California over the weekend, authorities said Wednesday.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Joseph Williams said Roy was one of four people shot in Compton on Saturday. He said Roy and the three other victims were attending a party when two men walked up and opened fire without saying a word. Williams said all four victims were shot in the upper body but suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Investigators are still trying to determine a motive for the shooting. No arrests have been made.

The 32-year-old Roy starred at Washington, where he was Pac-12 player of the year in 2006.

He played in the NBA for Portland and Minnesota and won the league's Rookie of the Year award in 2007.



Roy

"It's pretty humbling. When you're a rookie, you're just looking to put your head down, help the team and learn the ropes."

— Ezekiel Elliott

Dallas Cowboys running back, who led the league in rushing as a rookie and also was the top player when it came to NFL player merchandise and products sales. Elliott's quarterback in Dallas Dak Prescott was No. 2, marking the first time two rookies have led the list.

### Tony Romo to go for US Open

ALEDO, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo's next pursuit of a championship will be in golf.

And it's a long shot. A month after the Dallas Cowboys quarterback retired, Romo is among nearly 9,500 players who signed up for the U.S. Open. He plays an 18-hole local qualifier Monday at Split Rail Links and Golf Club about 30 minutes west of Fort Worth.

If he advances, the next step is sectional qualifying on June 5 to get into the U.S. Open at Erin Hills in Wisconsin.

This isn't the first time Romo has tried to qualify. He made it out of local qualifying in 2010. In a 36-hole sectional qualifier where only two of the 35 players advanced, Romo opened with a 71 and withdrew in the afternoon after two weather delays.

Orville Moody in 1969 was the last player to go through local qualifying and win the U.S. Open.



Romo

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1957 — Iron Liege, ridden by Bill Hartack, wins the Kentucky Derby by a nose when jockey Willie Shoemaker, on top of Gallant Man, takes the lead but misjudges the finish line. Shoemaker stands up in the saddle before the finish, which allows Iron Liege to win.

1968 — The Pittsburgh Pipers beat New Orleans Buccaneers 122-113 in Game 7, to win the first ABA championship.

1999 — The New Jersey Devils become the first top-seeded team to lose in the first round of the playoffs in consecutive years when they lose 4-2 to the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 7.

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