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## STANFIELD

# No. 1 Stanfield pours it on again

### Tigers score 23 runs again, advance to semis

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

There were some nervous moments for the home fans at Madigan Field on Friday afternoon, as the No. 1 seed Stanfield Tigers stared at a 5-2 deficit to the No. 9 Taft Tigers in the third inning of the 3A baseball quarterfinals.

But as Stanfield came to bat in the bottom half of the third, there was no nerves or worries amongst the players. With the lineup turning over for the second time, Stanfield knew that the hits and runs were coming, though it likely did not envision just how many did come.

3A  
Quarterfinals



#9 Taft  
11



#1 Stanfield  
23

The Tigers took 17 at-bats and compiled eight hits to score a whopping 12 runs in the third inning to flip the deficit into a 12-5 lead. And Stanfield wasn't done, as it tacked on eight more runs to eliminate Taft

with a 23-11 victory and advance the home-team Tigers back to the state semifinals.

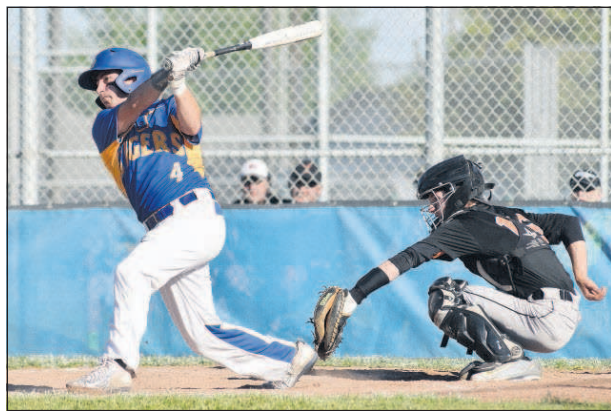
"It was amazing," senior Klay Jenson said of the comeback. "It helps us that we have that mentality that we can come out and score runs on anyone, it doesn't matter if we're down five or down 10. We all love hitting and that's a good part about our baseball team."

"We've been in that situation a lot over our high school years," senior Hunter Barnes added about the mood in the dugout, "and we knew that this wasn't what we wanted and we knew

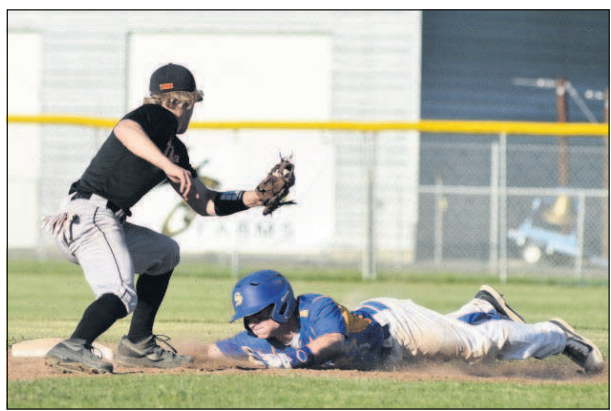
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Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
Stanfield's Brody Woods gets a high-five from Hunter Barnes at home plate after Woods scored off of an Klay Jenson RBI triple in the Tigers' 23-11 win against Taft on Friday in Stanfield.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
Stanfield's Klay Jenson follows through on an RBI double in the Tigers' win over Taft on Friday in Stanfield.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
Stanfield's Thylor Monkus slides head first into second base as Taft's Josh Salsberry attempts the tag in the Tigers' win against Taft on Friday.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
Stanfield's Ryan Bailey puts the tag on Taft's Josh Salsberry in the Tigers' win over Taft on Friday.

## PENDLETON

# Buckaroos eliminate Eagles

### Pendleton tops Hood River to reach state semifinals

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

After splitting four regular season match-ups, the Pendleton Buckaroos and Hood River Valley Eagles knew exactly what each team was bringing to Friday's Class 5A OSAA softball state quarterfinal game at Steve Cary Field.

Or so they thought.

Buckaroos head coach Tim Cary had spotted a tendency he hoped to exploit, and when the situation arose in the fifth inning the Bucks were able to seize the opportunity to throw something a little unexpected the Eagles' way. Pinch runner Tatum Fell scored on a double steal to break a

scoreless tie, and Pendleton took control of the game's momentum on its way to a 4-2 win.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
Pendleton's Kirah McGlothran runs toward home during Friday's state playoff game against Hood River at Steve Cary Field. McGlothran made it safely home.

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## PILOT ROCK



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
Pilot Rock's Victoria Walker slides under Lost River's Madison Hartman in the Rockets' 11-1 win against the Raiders on Friday in Pilot Rock.

# Rockets roar into semis

### Pilot Rock continues quest for third straight state championship

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PILOT ROCK — The No. 2 Pilot Rock softball team continued to cruise in the Class 2A/1A OSAA state playoffs, and advanced to its third-straight state semifinals on Friday with an 11-1 thumping of No. 10 Lost River in five innings.

Pitcher Tehya Ostrom took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, and finished with one hit allowed, eight strikeouts and one walk.

2A/1A Quarterfinals



#10 Lost River  
1



#2 Pilot Rock  
11

The two-time defending state champions got right to work supporting her and plated two runs in the first inning. They scored in every inning but the fourth, and Rockets head coach Darin Fitzpatrick said every spot in the lineup contributed at least one hit before the day was over.

Bekah Roe led them on offense  
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## Sports shorts

### Chip Kelly joins ESPN as analyst

(AP) — Former Oregon coach Chip Kelly is joining ESPN as a studio analyst next season.

ESPN announced Friday it has signed Kelly to a multiyear deal.

Kelly will primarily be part of Saturday pregame, halftime and wrap-up shows on ESPN2. He will also provide NFL analysis on Sundays during SportsCenter.

The 53-year-old Kelly spent the last four seasons in the NFL, coaching the Philadelphia for three years and San Francisco for one.

Kelly was fired by the 49ers after going 2-14 last season. He was 26-21 with a playoff appearance for the Eagles.

Before jumping to the NFL, Kelly spent four seasons as Oregon head coach and went 46-7. In 2010, Kelly led the Ducks to the BCS title game and was The Associated Press coach of the year.

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"Us and Cleveland worked our butts off all year to put ourselves in position to be playing for a championship, and the league is as strong talentwise across the board as it's ever been. You can't just sleepwalk through a season."

— Stephen Curry

Golden State Warriors guard addressing the claims that the Warriors and Cavaliers meeting up for the third straight season in the NBA Finals is bad for the league.

### Mac-Hi alum wins national title for EOU track and field

GULF SHORES, Ala. — Eastern Oregon senior athlete Pancho Saldana finished off his collegiate career in championship fashion.

Saldana, a Mac-Hi alumnus, won the NAIA national championship in men's javelin on Thursday, recording a toss of 221 feet, 5 3/4 inches on his first attempt at the 2017 Outdoor Track & Field Championships. The throw gave him a 15-foot cushion on second place and also broke EOU's school record of 207 feet, 7 inches that Saldana himself set just two weeks ago at the Cascade Collegiate Conference championships.

Saldana's second attempt came up just short of his first, registering at 220 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

It was great retribution for the senior, as Saldana finished in second place in the javelin in 2016.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1981 — Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers is named the NBA's Most Valuable Player, making him the only player to win MVP honors in both the NBA and the ABA.

1998 — In one of biggest upsets in Grand Slam history, Pete Sampras is ousted at the French Open by Ramon Delgado of Paraguay, ranked 97th, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, 6-4.

2014 — The Division III University of Wisconsin-Whitewater becomes the only school in NCAA history to win championships in football, men's basketball and baseball in the same school year.

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