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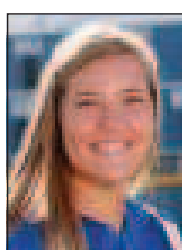
### BMCC picks its athletes of the year

Bonner, Rogers, Pendergrass bring home awards

East Oregonian

With the 2016-17 school year winding down, Blue Mountain Community College handed out some hardware to a few of its top athletes.

Softball athlete Sarah Bonner and baseball athlete Jared Rogers both took home the Wallace McCrae Student-Athlete of the Year awards, while rodeo standout Quincy Pendergrass won the Riley Freeman Memorial Athlete of the Year. The McCrae award



Bonner



Rogers



Pendergrass

“honors student-athletes for their high GPAs and commitment to academics, strong leadership, sports-

manship, integrity, and accomplishments throughout the year,” according to a press release from the school.

Bonner and Rogers filled out those requirements this season as leaders of their respective teams while also succeeding

in classes. Bonner, a sophomore from Billings, Montana, hit for a .357 average and a team-high 12 home runs, earned a second team all-East region selection and NWAC Academic Excellence award, all while maintaining a 3.27 GPA.

Rogers, a sophomore from La Grande, played in 27 games for the Timberwolves at catcher and was second on the team with a

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## HERMISTON

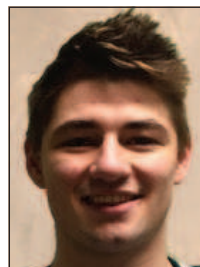
### Local teen part of WHL history

Hermiston alum plays in five overtime game in major junior hockey

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

EVERETT, Wash. — On April 4, the Everett Silvertips and Victoria Royals of the Western Hockey League made history.

The teams battled in a seemingly never-ending game that took nearly five full overtime periods to complete. When Everett's Cal Babych scored the game-winning goal at the 11:24 mark in that



Anderson

fifth OT, it capped a Canadian Hockey League record for longest game in history with 151 minutes and 36 seconds of game play.

Keith Anderson, a 2015 graduate of Hermiston High School, was in the middle of the action as a winger for Everett as he is in his third season playing in the major junior league ranks. Anderson recalled that game recently with the *East Oregonian*, saying that when the goal horn sounded for the game-winner he of course was happy it was his team that won, but was more relieved that the game was finally over.

“It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do endurance wise,” Anderson said. “I didn't think it would ever end, honestly. We were mentally exhausted and our legs were about to collapse. We snacked and chugged Gatorade every intermission.

“I personally hit a post (with a shot) in the fourth overtime that would've ended it, and the team just couldn't seem to bury any chances. But then Babych jumped on a breakaway with their defenseman who was really tired on the backcheck and he put it home. We were

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## MLB Cano's errors prove costly



Seattle Mariners pitcher Marc Rzepczynski, center, talks on the mound with second baseman Robinson Cano, left, and catcher Mike Zunino, right, during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Thursday, June 8, 2017, in Seattle.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

### Seattle's win streak snapped after five games as Twins avoid sweep

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kyle Gibson pitched one-run ball into the seventh inning and the Minnesota Twins took advantage of two errors on one play by Robinson Cano in a 2-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Thursday night.

Minnesota avoided a three-game sweep and snapped Seattle's

five-game winning streak thanks in part to unexpected blunders from one of the best defensive second basemen in the game.

With two out in the fifth inning and a runner on second, Cano misplayed Joe Mauer's slow grounder. He compounded the mistake by trying to catch Ehre



Minnesota  
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Seattle  
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Adrianza at third base, but Cano's throw was low, skipped past Kyle Seager and allowed Adrianza to score.

Gibson (3-4) managed to quiet Seattle's hot bats, pitching into the seventh inning for the first time the season. The Mariners were averaging 8.17 runs per game so

far in June, but were limited to Ben Gamel's sacrifice fly to score Jarrod Dyson.

A day after giving up a game-winning home run in the ninth, Minnesota closer Brandon Kintzler got the final three outs for his 16th save.

Jason Castro homered off Seattle starter Christian Bergman (3-3) in the fourth, but was the only

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## NHL Stanley Cup Finals

### Penguins give Predators a shellacking

Pittsburgh one step away from second straight Cup

By WILL GRAVES  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The night started with a catfish throw.

It ended with haymaker after haymaker — both literal and proverbial — from the ever resilient Pittsburgh Penguins.

The defending champions



Nashville  
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Pittsburgh  
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provided an emphatic and repeated reminder of what makes them such a difficult out in a 6-0 demolition of the Nashville Predators in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final to take a 3-2 lead.

Pittsburgh will have a chance to become the first franchise in 19 years

to win back to back Cups when the series shifts back to Nashville for Game 6 on Sunday night.

“Understand that we're going to play a desperate team,” said Penguins captain Sidney Crosby after collecting three assists. “Nothing's done yet and we've got a lot of work ahead of ourselves.”

So do the Predators, who can't get back to Smashville fast enough.

Justin Schultz, Bryan Rust and Evgeni Malkin scored during a first-period barrage against Pekka

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Pittsburgh's Ron Hainsey (65) pokes the puck past Nashville goalie Juuse Saros (74) for a goal during Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final on Thursday in Pittsburgh.

AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar

## Sports shorts

### Unseeded Ostapenko to play for women's French Open title

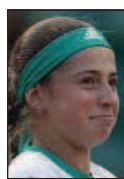
PARIS (AP) — Jelena Ostapenko became the first unseeded women's finalist at the French Open in more than 30 years by beating Timea Bacsinszky on Thursday.

The 47th-ranked Ostapenko, the first Latvian player to reach a Grand Slam final, will play No. 3 Simona Halep, who beat second-seeded Karolina Pliskova.

The last unseeded player to reach the final at Roland Garros was Mima Jausovec, who lost to seven-time French Open champion

Chris Evert in 1983.

Ostapenko won 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3, sealing the win on her second match point with a forehand winner to break Bacsinszky's serve for the fourth time in the set. It was her 50th winner of the match, which also saw her make 45 errors.



Ostapenko

“From a mental standpoint, there is no other option, other than to prepare for Game 4 as best you can. That's it. This is as do-or-die as possible as I've ever faced in my career. So we understand what's at stake ... there's really no other decision, other than to leave it all out there.”

— Kyrie Irving

Cleveland Cavaliers guard on the team's mentality as they try to regroup and stave off a sweep at the hands of Golden State.

### TV ratings for Game 3 of NBA Finals sees 22 percent surge

CLEVELAND (AP) — Game 3 of the NBA Finals drew 20.5 million viewers on ABC, an increase of 22 percent from last season.

Golden State's 118-113 victory over Cleveland was the closest game of the series and the most-watched Game 3 ever on ABC, according to Nielsen numbers announced Thursday.

The overall ratings for the series, the first time the same two teams have played in three straight Finals, are the highest since 1998, when Michael Jordan won his last championship. It is averaging 20 million viewers, up 11 percent from 2016.

Game 4 tips off tonight at 6 p.m. on ABC as Golden State goes for the sweep and a perfect 16-0 mark in the postseason.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1973 — Secretariat, ridden by Ron Turcotte, wins the Belmont Stakes in record time to capture the Triple Crown. Secretariat sets a world record on the 1½-mile course with 2:24, and a record for largest margin of victory in the Belmont, 31 lengths.

2010 — Chicago's Patrick Kane sneaks the puck past Michael Leighton 4:10 into overtime, stunning Philadelphia and lifting the Blackhawks to a 4-3 overtime win in Game 6 for their first Stanley Cup championship since 1961.

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