

# EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

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## NBA Finals



AP Photo/Ron Schwane  
Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) celebrates with Kevin Love (0) and Kyrie Irving (2) during the first half against the Golden State Warriors in Game 4 of NBA Finals in Cleveland on Friday.

## Cavaliers thwart sweep

### Cleveland defends home court with big victory

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers stopped Golden State's perfect postseason and maybe started another comeback.

Just like last year, the NBA Finals are at 3-1 after four games.

LeBron James recorded a triple-double, Kyrie Irving scored 40 points and Cleveland outperformed the NBA's most electrifying offense in a testy Game 4 filled with technical fouls on Friday night, beating the Warriors 137-116 and snapping their 15-game playoff winning streak.

"We just kept our composure," James said. "We shared the ball, we moved the ball and defensively we were physical."

A series that appeared to be headed for a quick conclu-

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## College Baseball

# Beavers take down Commodores

### Heimlich excused from playing

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
AP Sports Writer

CORVALLIS — Oregon State beat Vanderbilt 8-4 in the opening game of their NCAA super regional on Friday night, a day after reports surfaced that the Beavers' top pitcher pleaded guilty to a molestation charge as a teenager.

On Thursday, The Oregonian/OregonLive detailed the molestation case against Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich when he was 15. Shortly before Friday's game, Heimlich's attorney said the junior had asked to be excused from playing.

Heimlich was in uniform and was cheered by fans



Mark Ylen/Albany Democrat-Herald via AP  
Oregon State's Stephen Kwan slides in to score in front of Vanderbilt catcher Jason Delay during OSU's 8-4 win in an Friday's super regional in Corvallis.

when he was introduced along with the rest of Oregon State's players before the game. Attendance for the game was announced at 3,737, a Goss Stadium single-game record.

KJ Harrison hit a 3-run home run and Nick Madrigal added a two-run

double to lead the Beavers. Oregon State, ranked No. 1 in the nation, is the top national seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Beavers have won 20 straight games.

Right-hander Jake Thompson (14-0) started for the Beavers (53-4) in the opening game of the best-

**Super Regional**

	
Vanderbilt 4	Oregon State 8

of-three series. The winner advances to the College World Series.

"I thought we played with energy," Oregon State coach Pat Casey said. "I thought we played with the type of togetherness we talk about all the time."

Harrison's three-run homer put the Beavers up in the first inning, but Vandy tied it in the second on Jason Delay's two-run single and Will Toffey's RBI single to left center.

Madrigal's double down the left field line scored a

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## PENDLETON

# Hodgen perfect on Day 1



Hodgen Distributing right fielder Avery Duetz snags a fly ball during Friday's game against Baker at Bob White Field.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## Pendleton starts Ashlee Hodgen Tournament with big wins

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The annual Ashley Hodgen Memorial Baseball Tournament kicked off on Friday afternoon and the host Pendleton/Hodgen Distributing team started its schedule in exciting fashion.

In the opener against Baker, Hodgen came away with a walk-off 10-9 victory, before finishing off the night with a 12-2 blowout victory of Redmond under the lights at Bob White Park.

In Game 1, Hodgen (2-0) trailed Baker 9-5 in the bottom of the fifth, until it rallied to score five runs in the inning which was ended by a walk-off single to right

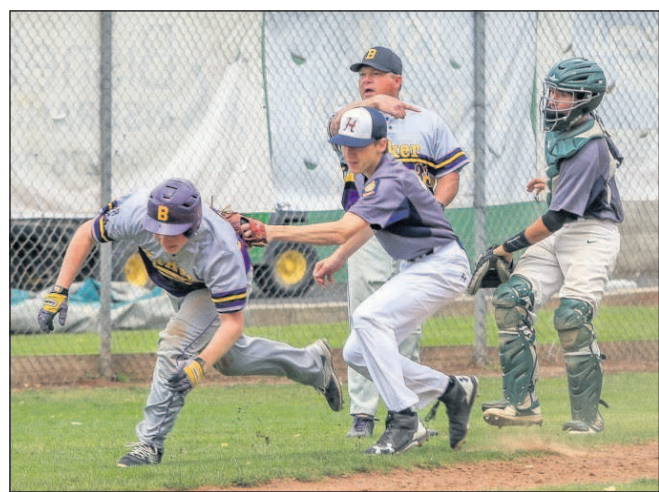
field by Tyler Chichester that scored Avery Duetz.

Chichester's walk-off wouldn't have happened had it not been for his teammates before, though. Ryan Stahl worked a walk to start the inning and then Austin Fell bunted for an infield single to put runners on the corners with no outs. Hodgen deployed a double steal that allowed Stahl to score and Fell to move to third on an error.

Gabe Umbarger then brought Fell home with a sacrifice fly to the outfield to cut the deficit to 9-7 in favor of Baker.

Next up, Justin Duso and

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hodgen Distributing third baseman Ryan Stahl tags a Baker runner as a Baker coach indicates that Hodgen catcher Justin Duso had obstructed the runner a couple seconds earlier Friday at Bob White Field.

## MLB

# Mariners rally past Jays

### Seattle makes it 10 wins in 12 games

	
Toronto 2	Seattle 4

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Danny Valencia and Jarrod Dyson had RBI singles as part of Seattle's seventh-inning rally, and the Mariners beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 on Friday night for their 10th win in 12 games.

Struggling to get anything started all night against Toronto starter Joe Biagini (1-5), the Mariners rallied with two runs in the seventh and managed to silence the thousands of Blue Jays fans who made the trip south from the provinces of western Canada for the weekend series.

Valencia's single scored Robinson Cano with the

tying run, and Dyson followed with a liner to center scoring Kyle Seager and giving Seattle a 3-2 lead. Seager added a two-out RBI single in the eighth inning.

Tyler Cloyd (1-0) pitched one inning of relief to get the victory in his first appearance in the majors since Sept. 29, 2013. The combo of Nick Vincent and Edwin Diaz worked the eighth and ninth innings as Seattle reached .500 for the third time this season.

Cano barely missed a home run with a drive off the top of the wall in center leading off the seventh. He found his way home three

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## Sports shorts

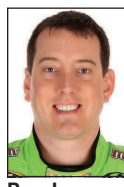
### Kyle Busch wins pole at Pocono

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Kyle Busch turned a lap of 179.151 mph to win the pole at Pocono Raceway.

Busch had the fastest lap Friday to win a NASCAR Cup pole for the second straight week. Busch won the pole at Dover International Speedway.

Busch's run at Dover was derailed when a tire came off the No. 18 Toyota during a pit stop. Busch crew chief Adams Stevens, tire carrier Kenny Barber and tire changer Jake Seminara were suspended four races for the infraction and will not be at Pocono. He won races at every active Cup track except Pocono and Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Martin Truex Jr. starts second and Matt Kenseth third for a 1-2-3 start for Toyota. Ryan Blaney was fourth, followed by Kurt Busch and Brad Keselowski, all Ford drivers.



Busch

"I've always been in competition with myself. I just believe that this program, this whole organization has a mindset of competition. We believe that as long as people compete they will earn whatever they deserve. In the end, it'll work itself out."

— Thomas Rawls

The Seattle Seahawks' running back believes that the injury bug that has plagued much of his first two seasons in the NFL is behind him, and welcomes the competition with Eddie Lacy and others.

### Rafael Nadal advances to his 10th French Open final

PARIS (AP) — According to his longtime coach, Rafael Nadal did not play very well in his French Open semifinal.

Yet the nine-time Roland Garros champion dispatched up-and-coming Dominic Thiem 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 on Friday to reach his 10th final at the clay-court Grand Slam, extending his record for the most final appearances in Paris.

Facing a player who already had beaten him twice on clay, Nadal needed little more than

two hours to secure his spot in Sunday's final, where he will face 2015 champion Stan Wawrinka.

He has yet to drop a set and has lost only 29 games in six matches, just two games off the record for the fewest games dropped in reaching a Grand Slam final in the Open era.



Nadal

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1933 — Johnny Goodman wins the U.S. Open golf title, making him the last amateur to win this event.

2010 — USC is placed on four years probation, receives a two-year bowl ban and a sharp loss of football scholarships. The NCAA cites USC for a lack of institutional control. The NCAA finds that Reggie Bush, identified as a was ineligible beginning at least by December 2004. The NCAA also orders USC to vacate every victory in which Bush participated while ineligible and takes away 30 scholarships over a three-year period in 2011-13.

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