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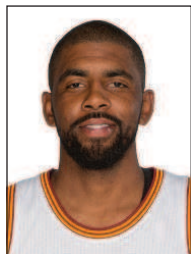
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NBA

## Cavaliers send Irving to Celtics

Cleveland gets back Isaiah Thomas, Jae Crowder in deal

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press



Irving



Thomas

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving was tired of being teammates with LeBron James. Now he has to figure out how to

beat him. Cleveland's All-Star guard, who asked owner Dan Gilbert to trade

him earlier this summer, was dealt Tuesday night to the Boston Celtics for fellow All-Star Isaiah Thomas, forward Jae Crowder, center Ante Zizic and the Brooklyn Nets' unprotected 2018 first-round draft pick.

"It's extremely rare to trade for a 25-year-old player that's done what he's done, the offensive weapon that he is," Celtics president Danny Ainge said. "We feel like his best basketball is still ahead of him."

"We have a player that's proven to be a sure thing. We know how

unpredictable the draft can be. You do pay a heavy price for a player of that age and that caliber."

Irving, whose late 3-pointer helped Cleveland win the 2016 NBA championship — and the city's first title since 1964 — is on his way to Boston, where he'll join a Celtics team that lost to the Cavs in last season's conference finals.

And as fate will have it, the Cavs will host the Celtics in their season opener on Oct. 17.

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HERMISTON

## East Oregonian hires new sports reporter

East Oregonian

A new Hermiston-based sports reporter has joined the *East Oregonian* sports staff.

Alexis Mansanarez, a recent graduate of the University of Washington, joined the staff this week. She fills the slot formerly held by Matt Entrup, who recently left the *East Oregonian* after 10 years as a sports reporter.

"I have received a warm welcome over the past few days," Mansanarez said. "I look forward to bringing



Mansanarez

my knowledge and experience to the EO and the Hermiston Herald." During her time at the University of Washington, Mansanarez worked as a reporter, sports editor and news editor at the student-run newspaper, *The Daily*. While there she traveled with the football team and was the lead men's basketball reporter during Lorenzo Romar's last season as head coach. She also covered the baseball beat during her time in Seattle.

From the Hermiston office, Mansanarez will cover prep sports for both the *East Oregonian* and *Hermiston Herald*, covering athletics for west Umatilla and north Morrow counties, including Hermiston and surrounding communities.

She joins Eric Singer covering sports for the two newspapers who has worked here since August 2015. Singer is based out of the Pendleton office.

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MLB

## Mariners blanked by Braves

Atlanta Braves second baseman Ozzie Albies dives to home plate to score as Seattle Mariners first baseman Yonder Alonso waits for the throw after a rundown on the third base line during the sixth inning of Tuesday's game in Atlanta.

AP Photo/John Amis



## Seattle manages just five hits, strands nine runners in loss

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Rookie Lucas Sims pitched three-hit ball over six innings and the Atlanta Braves scored on a crazy play that took three rundowns in a 4-0 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday

night.

Sims (2-3) won his second straight start after starting his big league career with three losses in a row. Seattle only got two runners as far as second base against the 23-year-old right-hander, a



native of suburban Atlanta who won for the first time in front of the home folks.

Nick Markakis put the Braves ahead in the fourth, leading off with his eighth homer of the season against Marco Gonzalez (0-1),

yet another replacement starter in Seattle's injury-plagued rotation. Markakis added a run-scoring single in the fifth.

After committing four errors in the series opener, the Mariners botched two more plays defensively.

Third baseman Kyle Seager  
See **MARINERS/3B**

College Football

## Pac-12 loaded with QB talent in 2017

Darnold, Browning preseason Heisman candidates

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

The Pac-12 has been called the Conference of Quarterbacks and it looks like it will really live up to that this season.

USC's Sam Darnold leads a strong group of returning

QBs, including Jake Browning of Washington and Josh Rosen of UCLA.

But there are some newcomers, too. Oregon State has community college transfer Jake Luton, while Utah's Tyler Huntley wrested away the starter's job from a senior incumbent after a glimpse of the field last season.

A primer for the quarterbacks that will lead the league's teams this season:

**SAM DARNOLD, USC:** When fans last saw Darnold,

he was throwing for 453 yards and five touchdowns in USC's comeback win over Penn State in the Rose Bowl.

As a redshirt freshman last season, Darnold started 10 games and threw for 3,086 yards with 31 TDs. Now the Trojans are ranked No. 4 in AP's preseason poll and he was named a preseason first-team All-American.

"Obviously there are some grand expectations for him, but he's welcomed those. That's part of being a USC quarterback. That's why you

come to USC. You're the face of the program and you're the leader of the program," coach Clay Helton said.

**JAKE BROWNING, WASHINGTON:** Even though he was hampered by a shoulder injury last season, Browning led the Huskies to the Pac-12 championship and a spot in the College Football Playoff.

He threw for 3,430 yards and tied a Pac-12 record with 43 touchdown passes to earn the league's offensive  
See **PAC-12/3B**



In this Oct. 1, 2016, file photo, Southern California quarterback Sam Darnold (14) throws a touchdown pass to wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (9) during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Los Angeles.

Sports shorts

### Ducks announce contract extension with baseball coach

EUGENE — The University of Oregon announced on Tuesday that it has agreed to a contract extension with head baseball coach George Horton.

The new deal will run through June 30, 2020. In nine seasons leading the Ducks' program, Horton has compiled a 320-220-1 (.592) record and has led the team to five postseason appearances, most recently in 2015.

"We appreciated George's leadership in building Oregon baseball, and we are excited about the future," said Oregon athletics director Rob Mullens in a statement.

During Horton's tenure, 29 players have been selected in the MLB Draft, including two first rounders and four making it to the big leagues.



Horton

"Honestly, I don't care, and I don't think the guys in this locker room care whether [the NFL] is going to be around in 20 years because none of us are going to be playing. So if these guys [the owners] want to own for a long time, then they can own for a long time. But another work stoppage might kill the golden goose."

— Eric Winston

Cincinnati Bengals tackle and NFLPA President said that a work stoppage after the CBA expires in 2021 is likely, but he thinks it could hurt the NFL in the long run.

### Dodgers place Bellinger, Wood on 10-day disabled list

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers have put starting pitcher Alex Wood and rookie star Cody Bellinger on the 10-day disabled list.

The Dodgers made the moves before playing at Pittsburgh on Tuesday night and recalled right-handed pitchers Josh Ravin and Brock Stewart from Triple-A Oklahoma City. The Dodgers have the best record in the majors.

Wood was put on the DL for the second time this season because of inflammation in the area of his left shoulder. Wood is 14-1 with a 2.41 ERA for the NL West leaders.

Bellinger is recovering from a mild ankle sprain that happened Sunday while making a play at the outfield wall. He took swings on Tuesday, but the team is being cautious.

Bellinger has 34 home runs and 79 RBIs.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2004 — The U.S. softball team wins its third straight gold medal with a nearly unblemished romp through the Olympics, capped by a 5-1 victory over Australia. Lisa Fernandez pitches a four-hitter and Crystl Bustos homers twice in the Americans' best all-around game of the tournament.

2012 Lance Armstrong chooses not to pursue arbitration in the drug case brought against him by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. That's his last option in his bitter fight with USADA which leads to the titles to be stripped and his name to be all but wiped from the record books of the sport he once ruled.

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