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AP Photo/David J. Phillip  
**Houston Astros' George Springer reacts after hitting a two-run home run during the second inning of Game 7 of baseball's World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers Wednesday in Los Angeles. Springer was named World Series MVP.**

## WORLD SERIES

# Astros bring home first title

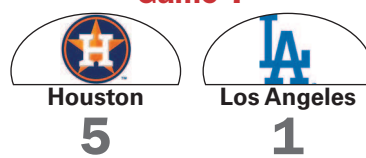
## Houston finishes off rebuild with ultimate prize

By **BEN WALKER**  
*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — From laughing-stock to lift off.

George Springer and the Houston Astros rocketed to the top of the baseball galaxy Wednesday night, winning the first World Series championship in franchise history by romping past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 in Game 7.

Game 7



Playing for a city still recovering from Hurricane Harvey, and wearing an H Strong logo on their jerseys, the Astros brought home the prize that had eluded them since they started out in 1962 as the Colt .45s.

For a Series that was shaping up as an October classic, Game 7 quickly became a November clunker as Houston scored five runs in the first two innings off an ineffective Yu Darvish. Hardly the excitement

fans felt during the Cubs' 10-inning thriller in Cleveland last fall.

Well, except for everyone wearing bright orange.

Jose Altuve, one of four carry-overs from a club that lost an embarrassing 111 times in 2013 after switching from the NL to the AL, and this collection of young stars silenced Dodger Stadium from the get-go. Charlie Morton finished up with four stellar innings of relief for the win.

Springer led off the evening with a double against Darvish, and soon it was 2-0.

Springer hit his fifth homer — tying the Series mark set by Reggie Jackson and matched by Chase

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## Prep Football

# Dawgs ready to start playoff run at home

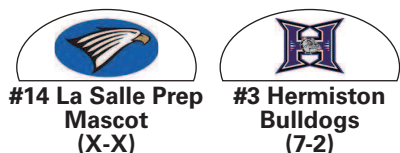
By **ALEXIS MANSANAREZ**  
*East Oregonian*

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Bulldogs may not have envisioned their regular season ending the way it did, but after jumping to No. 3 in the rankings and hosting Round 1 of the state championship playoffs, they certainly aren't complaining.

"Truth be told our goal was to win a conference championship," head coach David Faaeteete said. "We fell a game short, but we felt like we're

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## 5A First Round



• Friday, 7 p.m.  
• at Kennison Field, Hermiston

# Buckaroos face tough task with Lancers

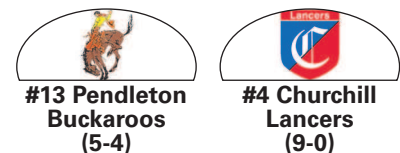
By **ERIC SINGER**  
*East Oregonian*

PENDLETON — After a three-year hiatus, the Pendleton Buckaroo football team is back in the postseason.

Despite a tough loss to Hermiston in Week 9, the Buckaroos (5-4 overall) earned a spot into the 5A playoffs by way of a tiebreak with Bend and Summit, all three of which finished with identical 4-3 records in the district. The Buckaroos won the tiebreak and finished third in the district by having the higher OSAA ranking of the three, coming in at No. 14 with Summit at No. 15 and Bend at No. 17. It made for some nervous times from the Buckaroo coaches following the loss to Hermiston, as the group waited for the OSAA rankings

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## 5A First Round



• Friday, 7 p.m.  
• at Churchill HS, Eugene

## Sports shorts

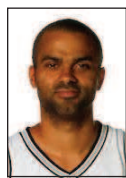
### Spurs' veteran PG Parker returns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have recalled Tony Parker from their G-League affiliate.

The move comes one week after the veteran point guard started working out with the Austin Spurs as part of his rehab program. Parker is working his way back from a ruptured left quadriceps tendon that he suffered during last spring's Western Conference semifinals.

It's unclear if Parker will play Thursday night when defending champion Golden State visits San Antonio for one of this season's biggest games. Coach Gregg Popovich said last weekend Parker would not rejoin the team until he was 100 percent.

The Spurs have lost three straight after starting 4-0. Parker has averaged 16.2 points and 5.8 assists in 1,143 career games and has won four NBA titles.



Parker

"I was planning if we were World Series champions, I was going to do it right there. I don't think that's a stage you can create, it just has to happen. And we were able to win tonight, so perfect timing for me to get engaged. I've been thinking about it for months now, but I was waiting for the perfect opportunity, you know."

— **Carlos Correa**

Houston Astros shortstop proposed to his girlfriend on the field at Dodger Stadium after his Astros won the World Series on Wednesday.

## OSAA Boys Soccer Playoffs

# Pirates breeze to Round 1 win



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
**Riverside's Francisco Chavez kicks the ball between Creswell's Tristan Ward (7) and Ben Vaughn in the Pirate's 11-0 win against the Bulldogs on Wednesday in Boardman.**

## Riverside, Mac-Hi, Hermiston all earn first round victories

By **ALEXIS MANSANAREZ & ERIC SINGER**  
*East Oregonian*

BOARDMAN — It was a high scoring affair in Boardman on Wednesday, as the Riverside Pirates hosted the Creswell Bulldogs in Round 1 of the 3A/2A/1A state championship playoffs.

From the start, the Pirates (14-0-1) maintained control of the game. Riverside took 25 shots on goal in the first half, and allowed Creswell into its half only twice — neither time led to a Bulldogs shot.

The scoring started early, and happened often. Senior Ulyces Lopez got things started with two back-to-back goals with a little over 25 minutes left until



**Riverside's Ulyces Lopez runs down the ball pursued by Creswell's Tristan Ward in the Pirate's win against the Bulldogs on Wednesday in Boardman.**

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

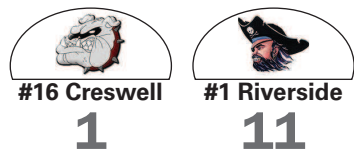
halftime. His first score was a beautifully placed shot that hit the inside of the right post and landed in the back of the net. His second was a header off a cross.

"The only option I had today was to score and that's exactly what I did," Lopez said. "I already

knew they were going to man mark me coming into the game, and I just had to play my best."

Creswell goalkeeper Jaxon Wilkerson had a busy night and made many good saves early on, but Riverside's attack was too

## 3A First Round



much for just one person to stop.

The Pirates used aggressive play and fancy footwork to bob and weave through defenders. They would enter the half up 5-0 after seniors Quincy Castillo and Kevin Madrigal both knocked one in, and senior goalkeeper Kevin Ruelas sent an undefendable penalty kick past Wilkerson.

After the break, Creswell showed signs of life and quickly moved into Riverside's back third.

See **SOCCER/3B**

### Duke picked No. 1 in preseason AP men's basketball poll

(AP) — Duke is No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason poll for the second straight season and ninth time as a program, matching North Carolina for most all-time.

Led by senior guard Grayson Allen and freshman phenom Marvin Bagley III, the Blue Devils received 33 of 65 first-place votes from a national media panel in the AP Top 25 released on Wednesday.

Duke had three players leave school early, but coach Mike Krzyzewski restocked the Blue Devils with another stellar recruiting class.

No. 2 Michigan State received 13 first-place votes, No. 3 Arizona had 18 and No. 4 Kansas got one.

Kentucky rounded out the top 5, followed by Villanova, Wichita State and Florida. Defending national champion North Carolina is No. 9 and Southern California rounds out the top 10.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**2015** — LeBron James becomes the youngest player to reach 25,000 career points, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Philadelphia 76ers 107-100. James, 30, scores 22 points to become the sixth active player with 25,000 points and the 20th overall.

**2016** — The Chicago Cubs win their first World Series championship since 1908 when Ben Zobrist hits a go-ahead double in the 10th inning, beating the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in a thrilling Game 7 delayed by rain early. Chicago is the first club to overcome a 3-1 Series deficit since the 1985 Kansas City Royals.

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