

BRIEFLY

High school rodeo in town this weekend

HERMISTON — The Farm-City Pro Rodeo arena will be filled with some of the best young cowboys in the state of Oregon this weekend.

The Intermountain High School rodeo team is hosting its annual Oregon High School Rodeo Assocation rodeo at the Farm-City Arena beginning on Friday with state finals for boys and girls cow cutting at 10 a.m. The rodeo will run Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9 a.m.

Some of the local kids competing include Pendleton’s Hallie Porter (barrel racing, breakaway roping) and Trent Sorey (tie-down roping, team roping), Hermiston’s Daylon Eng (bronc riding), and Heppner’s Jacee Currin (goat tying, team roping) and Jaiden Mahoney (barrel racing, goat tying, team roping).

Currently, Sorey is fourth in the boys all-around standings with 48 points and Mahoney is 11th in the girls all-around with 41 points.

Hermiston hosting youth lacrosse tournament

HERMISTON — On Saturday and Sunday, more than 20 youth lacrosse teams from across the Northwest will descend on Butte Park for the third annual Trampis Palmer Memorial Battle at the Butte Tournament.

More than 115 kids split up onto several teams are from Hermiston alone, as the popularity of the sport continues to grow in the city. Action will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday and the tournament will run through Sunday afternoon.

BLAZERS: Committed six turnovers in the first quarter

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The Pelicans wore their alternate red uniforms and every fan was given a matching red T-shirt, turning the entire packed seating area into a sea of red.

The volume was high early with the crowd revved up for the first playoff game in New Orleans since 2015 — and eager to see if the Pelicans could push Portland to the brink of elimination.

The Trail Blazers did nothing to silence the place, shooting about 35 percent and committing six turnovers in the opening quarter.

New Orleans raced to an 18-point lead in the period, aided by Mirotic hitting five of his first seven shots for 14 early points.

Mirotic had 21 by halftime,

giving him a playoff career high with 24 minutes still to play. He hit three of his first four 3-point attempts and triumphantly raised his fist to the exuberant crowd after one of his long-range rain-bows went through.

Davis joined the fray with his typical array of alley-oop dunks, one of which he caught with his back to the basket and threw down with a two-handed reverse jam.

Rondo ran New Orleans’ offense with a tempo that gave Portland fits, and even when he was forced to settle for a deep 3 late in the shot clock, it went down, pushing the Pelicans’ lead to 20 in the first half.

Portland never got closer than 13 after that and trailed by as many as 33 in the fourth quarter.



Seattle Mariners center fielder Dee Gordon, right, moves to field a ball hit by Houston Astros’ Josh Reddick as Ben Gamel, left, and Jean Segura (2) look on during the fifth inning of Thursday’s game in Seattle.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Charlie Morton dominant as Astros silence Mariners

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SEATTLE — In a four-game series that displayed the depth and talent of the Houston Astros starting rotation, it was their No. 5 starter that turned in arguably the best performance.

Charlie Morton pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, Jose Altuve hit a three-run double and the Astros beat the Seattle Mariners 9-2 on Thursday.

After losing the series opener, the Astros won their third straight behind another impressive pitching performance. Morton allowed singles to Robinson Cano, Mitch Haniger and Nelson Cruz, and otherwise baffled Seattle’s lineup.

In the four-game series, Houston’s starters dominated with none of the four allowing more than two earned runs. Seattle was just 15 for 100 against Dallas Keuchel, Lance McCullers Jr., Gerrit Cole and Morton.

Morton (3-0) was the best of

the four and has not allowed a run in three of his four starts this season.

“That can change quick and I know that. In 2015 I had a really good start my first five starts ... went into D.C. and I gave up nine runs in two-thirds of an inning,” Morton said. “My goal is to just go out there and give quality innings and not think about overall how things are going.”

Mixing a fastball that was still in the mid-90s in the seventh inning with a good curveball, Morton struck out eight and walked none. He retired 15 straight between Haniger’s one-out single in the second inning and Cruz’s broken bat hit in the seventh. Morton didn’t allow a runner to reach second base.

“His ability to establish the fastball sets up so many options for him, not just against the Mariners but against any team,” Astros manager A.J. Hinch said.

Altuve’s two-out double in the fifth capped an inning in

which defense didn’t help starter Marco Gonzales. Kyle Seager’s error on Alex Bregman’s grounder to third started the inning, and Marwin Gonzalez followed with a line drive single off Seager’s glove. Josh Reddick drove in one run on a shallow pop up that fell in the outfield, but rather than let Gonzales (1-2) finish the inning, Seattle manager Scott Servais went to reliever Dan Altavilla to face the top of Houston’s order.

Altavilla walked George Springer, and Altuve followed with a shot to right-center for a 4-0 lead. Altuve also had an RBI ground-rule double in the ninth. Reddick and Max Stassi added solo homers.

Seattle got a pair of runs in the eighth inning off Houston’s bullpen on RBI doubles from David Freitas and Jean Segura.

“We got shut down. You have to give Houston credit. Their pitching is as advertised,” Servais said. “Their guys are really throwing the ball well. They shut us down in this series.”



AP Photo/Veronica Dominach

New Orleans Pelicans forward Nikola Mirotic, above, pulls down rebound against Portland Trail Blazers center Jusuf Nurkic during the first half of Game 3 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in New Orleans, Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate	
PREP BASEBALL	
Friday	Vale at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m.
	Burns at Irigoin (DH), 2 p.m.
	Stanfield/Echo at Riverside (DH), 12:45 p.m.
Saturday	Grant Union at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m.
	Weston-McEwen at Elgin (DH), 11 a.m.
	Arlington at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m.
	The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), 12 p.m.
	Pendleton at Hood River Valley (DH), 12 p.m.
	Mac-Hi at La Grande (DH), 12 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL	
Friday	Weston-McEwen at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m.
	Echo at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m.
Saturday	The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), 12 p.m.
	Pendleton at Hood River Valley (DH), 12 p.m.
	Mac-Hi at La Grande (DH), 12 p.m.
	Burns at Echo (DH), 1 p.m.
	Pilot Rock at Union (DH), 11 a.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD	
Friday	Echo, Umatilla at the Condon/Wheeler Invite (Condon), 11 a.m.
	Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Pendleton at Kiwanis Twilight Invitational (Hermiston), 2 p.m.
Saturday	Mac-Hi at Blue Devil Legends Invite (Walla Walla), 10 a.m.
	Heppner at 54th Centennial Invitational (Centennial HS), 11 a.m.
	Helix, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen at Pepsi Invitational (Union), 11 a.m.
	Riverside at Portland Christian Invitational, 11 a.m.
PREP GOLF	
Friday	Hermiston (girls) at Wandemere Golf Course (WA), 9 a.m.
	Heppner at Grant Union Invite (John Day Golf Club), 10 a.m.
PREP TENNIS	
Saturday	Helix, Umatilla, Stanfield at Stanfield,

10 a.m.	
PREP LACROSSE	
Saturday	West Valley at Hermiston, 2 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
Saturday	Wenatchee Valley at BMCC (DH), 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
Friday	EOU at Corban (DH), 2 p.m.
	BMCC at Mt. Hood CC (DH), 2 p.m.
Saturday	EOU at Corban (DH), 11 a.m.
Basketball	
NBA PLAYOFFS	
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Toronto 2, Washington 0	
Game 1: Toronto 114, Washington 106	
Game 2: Toronto 130, Washington 119	
Friday: Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m.	
Sunday: Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m.	
Boston 2, Milwaukee 0	
Game 1: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT	
Game 2: Boston 120, Milwaukee 106	
Friday: Boston at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.	
Sunday: Boston at Milwaukee, 10 a.m.	
Philadelphia 2, Miami 1	
Game 1: Philadelphia 130, Miami 103	
Game 2: Miami 113, Philadelphia 103	
Thursday: Philadelphia 128, Miami 108	
Saturday: Philadelphia at Miami, 11:30 a.m.	
April 23: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA	
Cleveland 1, Indiana 1	
Game 1: Indiana 98, Cleveland 80	
Wednesday: Cleveland 100, Indiana 97	
Friday: Cleveland at Indiana, 4 p.m.	
Sunday: Cleveland at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.	
April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Houston 2, Minnesota 0	
Game 1: Houston 104, Minnesota 101	
Wednesday: Houston 102, Minnesota 82	
Saturday: Houston at Minnesota, 4:30 p.m.	
April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 5 p.m.	
Golden State 3, San Antonio 0	
Game 1: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92	
Game 2: Golden State 116, San Antonio 101	
Thursday: Golden State 110, San Antonio 97	
Sunday: Golden State at San Antonio, 12:30 p.m.	
New Orleans 3, Portland 0	
Game 1: New Orleans 97, Portland 95	
Game 2: New Orleans 111, Portland 102	
Thursday: New Orleans 119, Portland 102	
Saturday: Portland at New Orleans, 2 p.m.	
Oklahoma City 1, Utah 1	
Game 1: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108	
Wednesday: Utah 102, Oklahoma City 95	
Saturday: Oklahoma City at Utah, 7 p.m.	
April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 7:30 p.m.	
April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA	

Hockey

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE	
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1	
Game 1: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2	
Game 2: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 3	
Game 3: New Jersey 5, Tampa Bay 2	
Wednesday: Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1	
Saturday: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 12 p.m.	
Boston 3, Toronto 1	
Game 1: Boston 5, Toronto 1	
Game 2: Boston 7, Toronto 3	
Game 3: Toronto 4, Boston 2	
Thursday: Boston 3, Toronto 1	
Saturday: Toronto at Boston, 5 p.m.	
Columbus 2, Washington 2	
Game 1: Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT	
Game 2: Columbus 5, Washington 4, OT	
Game 3: Washington 3, Columbus 2, OT	
Thursday: Washington 4, Columbus 1	
Saturday: Columbus at Washington, 12 p.m.	
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1	
Game 1: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0	
Game 2: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1	
Game 3: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1	
Wednesday: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 0	
Friday: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Nashville 3, Colorado 1	
Game 1: Nashville 5, Colorado 2	
Game 2: Nashville 5, Colorado 4	
Game 3: Colorado 5, Nashville 3	
Wednesday: Nashville 3, Colorado 2	
Friday: Colorado at Nashville, 6:30 p.m.	
MINNESOTA 1	
Game 1: Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2	
Game 2: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1	
Game 3: Minnesota 6, Winnipeg 2	
Tuesday: Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0	
Friday: Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.	
LOS ANGELES 0	
Game 1: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0	
Game 2: Vegas 2, Los Angeles 1, 2OT	
Game 3: Vegas 3, Los Angeles 2	
Tuesday: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0	
SAN JOSE 4, ANAHEIM 0	
Game 1: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0	
Game 2: San Jose 3, Anaheim 2	
Game 3: San Jose 8, Anaheim 1	
Wednesday: San Jose 2, Anaheim 1	

Baseball

MLB	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
East Division	
W	L Pct GB
Boston	16 2 .889 —
Toronto	12 6 .667 4
New York	9 8 .529 6½
Tampa Bay	5 13 .278 11
Baltimore	5 14 .263 11½
Central Division	
W	L Pct GB
Minnesota	8 5 .615 —
Cleveland	9 7 .563 ½
Detroit	7 9 .438 2½
Chicago	4 11 .267 5
Kansas City	3 13 .188 6½
West Division	
W	L Pct GB
Los Angeles	13 6 .684 —
Houston	13 7 .650 ½
Seattle	9 8 .529 3
Oakland	9 10 .474 4
Texas	7 13 .350 6½
THURSDAY'S GAMES	
Detroit 13, Baltimore 8	
Houston 9, Seattle 2	
N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 3	
Boston 8, L.A. Angels 2	
FRIDAY'S GAMES	
Kansas City (Hammel 0-1) at Detroit (Fulmer 1-2), 10:10 a.m., 1st game	
Cleveland (Bauer 1-1) at Baltimore (Bundy 0-2), 4:05 p.m.	

Toronto (Estrada 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 1-1), 4:05 p.m.	
Kansas City (Junis 2-1) at Detroit (Norris 0-1), 4:10 p.m., 2nd game	
Minnesota (Lynn 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Archer 1-1), 4:10 p.m.	
Seattle (Hernandez 2-2) at Texas (Minor 1-1), 5:05 p.m.	
Houston (Verlander 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Giolioto 0-2), 5:10 p.m.	
Boston (Pomeranz 0-0) at Oakland (Graveman 0-3), 7:05 p.m.	
San Francisco (Samardzija 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 0-0), 7:07 p.m.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
East Division	
W	L Pct GB
New York	13 5 .722 —
Atlanta	11 7 .611 2
Philadelphia	11 7 .611 2
Washington	9 10 .474 4½
Miami	5 13 .278 8
Central Division	
W	L Pct GB
Pittsburgh	12 7 .632 —
St. Louis	10 8 .556 1½
Milwaukee	11 9 .550 1½
Chicago	8 5 .500 2½
Cincinnati	3 15 .167 8½
West Division	
W	L Pct GB
Arizona	13 5 .722 —
Colorado	11 9 .550 3
Los Angeles	8 9 .471 4½
San Francisco	7 11 .389 6
San Diego	7 13 .350 7
THURSDAY'S GAMES	
Chicago Cubs 8, St. Louis 5	
Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 0	
Atlanta 12, N.Y. Mets 4	
Milwaukee 12, Miami 3	
Arizona 3, San Francisco 1	
FRIDAY'S GAMES	
Pittsburgh (Nova 2-1) at Philadelphia (Lively 0-1), 4:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 2-0) at Atlanta (Newcomb 1-1), 4:35 p.m.	
Miami (Richards 0-1) at Milwaukee (Chacin 0-1), 5:10 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Finnegan 0-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 2-1), 5:15 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 0-1) at Colorado (Gray 1-3), 5:40 p.m.	
San Diego (Ross 2-1) at Arizona (Koch	

0-0), 6:40 p.m.	
San Francisco (Samardzija 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 0-0), 7:07 p.m.	
Washington (Scherer 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-2), 7:10 p.m.	
Soccer	
MLS	
Friday	
Vancouver at Sporting Kansas City, 6 p.m.	
Saturday	
Los Angeles FC at Montreal, 10 a.m.	
Toronto FC at Houston, 12 p.m.	
Chicago at New York, 12:30 p.m.	
New England at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.	
San Jose at Orlando City, 4:30 p.m.	
Philadelphia at FC Dallas, 5 p.m.	
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.	
Atlanta United FC at LA Galaxy, 7:30 p.m.	
Sunday	
Minnesota United at Seattle, 1 p.m.	
New York City FC at Portland, 3 p.m.	
Golf	
PGA TOUR	
VALEROTEXAS OPEN	
Thursday	
At TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)	
San Antonio	
Purse: \$6.2 million	
Yardage: 7,435; Par 72	
First Round	
Grayson Murray	35-32—67 -5
Chesson Hadley	33-35—68 -4
Billy Horschel	33-35—68 -4
Ryan Moore	34-34—68 -4
Keegan Bradley	34-34—68 -4
Matt Atkins	35-33—68 -4
Andrew Landry	36-33—69 -3
Jon Curran	33-36—69 -3
Roberto Diaz	36-33—69 -3
Harris English	34-35—69 -3
Auto Racing	
NASCAR Cup Series	
Upcoming Schedule	
Sunday — Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond Raceway, 3:30 p.m. (TV: FOX)	
April 29 — Geico 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, 11 a.m. (TV: FOX)	