

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL			
Friday Joseph at Stanfield (DH), 1 p.m. Burns at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m. Nyssa at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m. Grant Union at Weston-McEwen (DH), 1 p.m. Irrigon at Vale (DH), 2 p.m. Hermiston at Pendleton (DH), 3 p.m. Saturday Heppner at Culver (DH), 11 a.m. Baker at Mac-Hi (DH), Noon			
PREP SOFTBALL			
Thursday Umatilla at Weston-McEwen (DH), 3 p.m. Friday Riverside at Irrigon (DH), 1 p.m. Hermiston at Pendleton (DH), 3 p.m. Holy Names (WA) at Mac-Hi, 5 p.m. Saturday Heppner at Union (DH), 11 a.m. Pilot Rock at Culver (DH), 11 a.m. Baker at Mac-Hi (DH), Noon Tri-Cities Prep (WA) at Echo (DH), Noon			
PREP TRACK & FIELD			
Friday Riverside at Nyssa Invite, 1 p.m. Hermiston at Gresham, 2 p.m. Pendleton at Skyview (ID), 3:30 p.m. Umatilla at Connell (WA) Invite, 3:30 p.m. Saturday Weston-McEwen, Pilot Rock at Jo-Hi Invite, 11 a.m. Mac-Hi at Ontario Invite, 11 a.m. Irrigon, Stanfield, Heppner, Helix, Condon/ Wheeler at Sherman Invite, 11 a.m. Arlington at Sisters Invitational, 11 a.m.			
PREP GOLF			
Wednesday Pendleton (girls) at Trysting Tree Golf Course, 8 a.m. Pendleton (boys) at Emerald Valley Golf Course, 9 a.m. Mac-Hi at Wine Valley CC, Noon Friday Heppner at Enterprise Invitational, 11 a.m.			
PREP TENNIS			
Wednesday The Dalles at Pendleton (boys), 4 p.m. Hermiston (girls) vs. Hood River, 4 p.m. Pendleton (girls) at The Dalles, 3:30 p.m. Thursday Riverside at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m. Umatilla at Ione, 4 p.m. Friday Pendleton at La Grande, 3:30 p.m. Hermiston (boys) at Capital (ID), TBD Saturday Hermiston (boys) at Capital (ID), TBD Weston-McEwen, Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Stanfield, Helix, Ione at Tri-Cities Court Club, TBD			
PREP LACROSSE			
Friday Wenatchee at Hermiston, 7 p.m.			
COLLEGE BASEBALL			
Wednesday BMCC at Yakima Valley (DH), 1 p.m. Saturday Walla Walla at BMCC (DH), 1 p.m.			
COLLEGE SOFTBALL			
Friday Big Bend at BMCC (DH), 2 p.m. Southern Oregon at EOU (DH), 2 p.m. Saturday Southern Oregon at EOU (DH), 2 p.m.			

Basketball

NBA PLAYOFFS	
FIRST ROUND Saturday's Games Philadelphia 106, Miami 102 New Orleans 131, Portland 123 (NO wins series 4-0) Minnesota 121, Houston 105 Utah 115, Oklahoma City 102 Sunday's Games Milwaukee 104, Boston 102 (Series tied 2-2) San Antonio 103, Golden State 90 (GS leads 3-1) Washington 106, Toronto 98 (Series tied 2-2) Cleveland 104, Indiana 100 (Series tied 2-2) Monday's Games Houston 119, Minnesota 100 (HOU leads 3-1) Utah 113, Oklahoma City 96 (UTAH leads 3-1) Tuesday's Games Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m. (Series tied 2-2) Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. (PHI leads 3-1) San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. (GS leads 3-1)	

Hockey

NHL PLAYOFFS	
FIRST ROUND Saturday's Games Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1 (TB wins series 4-1) Washington 4, Columbus 3, OT Toronto 4, Boston 3 Sunday's Games Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 5 (PIT wins series 4-2) Nashville 5, Colorado 0 (NSH wins series 4-2) Monday's Games Toronto 3, Boston 1 (Series tied 3-3) Washington 6, Columbus 3 (WAS wins series 4-2) Wednesday's Game Toronto at Boston, 4:30 p.m. (NBCSN)	

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	4	.810	—
Toronto	13	8	.619	4
New York	12	9	.571	5
Tampa Bay	8	13	.381	9
Baltimore	6	17	.261	12
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	12	8	.600	—
Minnesota	8	9	.471	2½
Detroit	9	11	.450	3
Chicago	5	14	.263	6½
Kansas City	5	15	.250	7
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	16	8	.667	—
Los Angeles	15	8	.652	½
Seattle	11	10	.524	3½
Oakland	12	11	.522	3½
Texas	8	16	.333	8
Monday's Games				
Cleveland 2, Baltimore 1				
N.Y. Yankees 14, Minnesota 1				
Oakland 9, Texas 4				
L.A. Angels 2, Houston 0				
Chicago White Sox 10, Seattle 4				
Tuesday's Games				
Seattle (Gonzales 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 2:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 0-3) at Cleveland (Tomlin 0-2), 3:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (Berrios 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees				

Sabathia 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Faria 1-1) at Baltimore (Cobb 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 4-0) at Toronto (Happ 3-1), 4:07 p.m.
Oakland (Triggs 1-0) at Texas (Harnels 1-3), 5:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 2-1) at Houston (Morton 3-0), 5:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 1-2) at Kansas City (Kennedy 1-2), 5:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	6	.700	—
Philadelphia	14	7	.667	½
Atlanta	12	9	.571	2½
Washington	10	13	.435	5½
Miami	5	17	.227	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	13	8	.619	—
Milwaukee	14	9	.609	—
Pittsburgh	12	10	.545	1½
Chicago	10	9	.526	2
Cincinnati	4	18	.182	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	15	6	.714	—
Los Angeles	11	10	.524	4
Colorado	12	12	.500	4½
San Francisco	10	12	.455	5½
San Diego	9	15	.375	7½

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 10, Atlanta 4
San Diego 13, Colorado 5
L.A. Dodgers 2, Miami 1
San Francisco 4, Washington 2

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 0-3) at Cleveland (Tomlin 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (McCarthy 3-0) at Cincinnati (Mahle 1-3), 6:40 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 2-0) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 1-2) at Kansas City (Kennedy 1-2), 8:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 1-1) at St. Louis (Weaver 2-1), 8:15 p.m.
San Diego (Lauer 0-0) at Colorado (Freeland 0-3), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Peters 2-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Madda 2-1), 10:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 1-1) at San Francisco (Blach 1-3), 10:15 p.m.

Soccer

MLS						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York City FC	5	1	2	17	16	9
Atlanta United FC	5	1	1	16	17	8
Orlando City	4	2	1	13	14	12
New England	3	2	2	11	12	8
Columbus	3	2	2	11	11	9
New York	3	3	0	9	14	8
Chicago	2	3	1	7	9	10
Montreal	2	5	0	6	9	17
D.C. United	1	3	2	5	6	10
Philadelphia	1	3	2	5	3	8
Toronto FC	1	4	0	3	4	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting K.C.	5	1	2	17	20	11
Los Angeles FC	4	2	2	12	16	13
FC Dallas	3	3	3	12	9	3
LA Galaxy	3	3	1	10	8	10
Real Salt Lake	3	3	1	10	9	14
Vancouver	3	4	1	10	8	17
Houston	2	2	2	8	14	9
Colorado	2	2	2	8	9	8
Portland	2	3	2	8	12	14
Minnesota United	2	5	0	6	9	15
San Jose	1	3	2	5	11	13
Seattle	1	3	1	4	5	8
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						

Saturday's Games	
Los Angeles FC 5, Montreal 3 Houston 5, Toronto FC 1 Chicago 2, New York 1 New England 2, Columbus 2, tie Orlando City 3, San Jose 2 FC Dallas 2, Philadelphia 0 Real Salt Lake 3, Colorado 0 Atlanta United FC 2, LA Galaxy 0 Sunday's Games Seattle 3, Minnesota United 1 Portland 3, New York City FC 0	

Motorsports

NASCAR CUP SERIES	
Toyota Owners 400 Results	
Saturday At Richmond Raceway Richmond, Va. Lap length: 0.75 miles (Start position in parentheses) 1. (32) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 402 laps. 2. (2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 402. 3. (4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 402. 4. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 402. 5. (10) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 402. 6. (17) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 402. 7. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 402. 8. (28) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 402. 9. (16) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 402. 10. (26) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 402. 11. (6) Kurt Busch, Ford, 402. 12. (9) William Byron, Chevrolet, 402. 13. (7) Erik Jones, Toyota, 402. 14. (12) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 402. 15. (23) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 402. 16. (27) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 402. 17. (25) Aric Almirola, Ford, 402. 18. (11) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 402. 19. (8) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 402. 20. (31) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 402. 21. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 402. 22. (13) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 402. 23. (12) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 402. 24. (20) Paul Menard, Ford, 401. 25. (18) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 401. 26. (19) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 401. 27. (33) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 401. 28. (30) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 401. 29. (29) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 400. 30. (35) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 400. 31. (24) Michael McDowell, Ford, 400. 32. (22) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 399. 33. (15) David Ragan, Ford, 399. 34. (36) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 397. 35. (34) Gray Gaudin, Toyota, 393. 36. (38) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 386. 37. (14) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, accident, 368. 38. (37) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, electrical, 188.	

Time of Race: 3 hours, 8 minutes. Caution Flags: 6 for 46 laps. Lead Changes: 16 among 7 drivers. Wins: Ky.Busch, 3; K.Harvick, 3; C.Bowyer, 1; A.Dillon, 1; M.Trux, 1. Top 16 in Points: 1. Ky.Busch, 415; 2. J.Logano, 359; 3. C.Bowyer, 329; 4. K.Harvick, 324; 5. B.Keselowski, 303; 6. D.Hamlin, 286; 7. M.Trux, 284; 8. R.Blaney, 282; 9. Ku.Busch, 282; 10. K.Larson, 279; 11. A.Almirola, 248; 12. E.Jones, 233; 13. A.Bowman, 209; 14. A.Dillon, 208; 15. J.Johnson, 200; 16. V.Byron, 192.	
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Upcoming Schedule April 29 — GEICO 500, Talladega Super-speedway, TV: FOX, 2 p.m. May 6 — AAA 400 Driv for Autism, Dover Int'l Speedway, TV: FOX, 2 p.m.	
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Blazers' overall good season ends on a disappointing note

By ANNE M. PETERSON
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PORTLAND — Another late-season surge, another first-round exit.

The Portland Trail Blazers head into the offseason with plenty of questions, with speculation that big changes could be ahead. Minutes after the Blazers were swept by the New Orleans Pelicans in the opening round, Blazers coach Terry Stotts was already addressing how Portland gets better going forward.

Stotts said he has confidence that Portland President of Basketball Operations Neil Olshey will keep the team pointed in the right direction.

“It’s tough to evaluate after a playoff loss,” Stotts said. “We had a good regular season. We did a lot of positive things in the regular season, but ultimately you’re defined by the postseason. I think it’s still a little early right now to say what direction we’re going to go and what needs to be done moving forward, but one thing is that Neil is



(AP Photo/Scott Threlkeld)

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, left, restrains guard CJ McCollum during the first half of Game 4 against the New Orleans Pelicans Saturday.

really good.”

Portland made it to the playoffs for the fifth straight year after finishing the season 49-33 and winning the Northwest Division title for the seventh time in franchise history.

The Blazers were boosted by a 13-game

winning streak that started with a victory over the Golden State Warriors just before the All-Star break, and secured the third seed in the Western Conference. The team’s streak matched the franchise record.

Damian Lillard drove the team’s success during that

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shutout for the Cougars (13-2, 6-0) in Game 1, striking out nine in five innings. Kendra Hart earned the win in Game 2 after striking out 11 and giving up four hits and two runs.

Alex Putman led the offense with four hits with a double on the day, adding six RBI and four runs scored. Monique Montoya had three hits with a double and six RBI and six runs, while Hart had three hits and scored five runs.

LA GRANDE 12-8, MAC-HI 1-2 — At La Grande, the home Tigers took control of the Greater Oregon League with a doubleheader sweep of the Mac-Hi Pioneers 12-1 and 8-2 on Saturday afternoon.

The Pioneers (12-5 overall, 4-2 GOL) offense was kept in check by Tigers (13-4, 6-0) pitcher Allie Brock in the opener, as Brock gave up only five hits and struck out 10.

The lone Mac-Hi run came in the fifth inning, when Sevin Birdwell doubled to lead off the inning and McKenna Yensen followed with an RBI triple.

In the second game, the Pioneers got on the board first with a two-run fifth inning after Birdwell and Yensen each hit RBI groundouts. But in the sixth inning, the Tigers broke through against Mac-Hi pitcher McKenna Stallings.

With two outs and the bases loaded, a Mac-Hi fielding error followed by a walk, two singles and another error allowed seven runs to score as the Tigers took a 7-2 lead.

Tigers catcher Jayce Seavert tormented Mac-Hi pitching as she tallied five hits on the day with two home runs and a double, four RBI and scored five runs.

BASEBALL

PILOT ROCK 3-6, GRANT UNION 0-5 — At Pilot Rock, a late-inning rally and dominant pitching helped the Pilot Rock Rockets sweep a Saturday doubleheader with Grant Union, winning 6-0 and 6-5.

The Rockets (11-2 overall, 6-1 Special District 6) began the day with a dominant performance from pitcher Levi Thieme, as the senior right-hander struck out 13 batters and allowed three walks and zero hits in six innings. Chris Weinke earned the win in the second game throwing all seven innings and striking out 10 with only three hits and five runs (all unearned) allowed.

To end the day, the Rockets trailed 5-3 as they came to bat in the bottom

of the seventh. Chris and Logan Weinke led off with walks and Thieme singled in Chris to make it 5-4. One pitch later, Logan scored on a passed ball to tie the game. Then with two outs and the bases loaded, Noah Brewer drew a bases-loaded walk to bring in the game-winning run.

Bryson Pierce led the offense with four hits with a double and two RBI, and Thieme had three hits with three runs and three RBI.

PENDLETON 8-0, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 5-3 — At Hood River, the Pendleton Buckaroos had a five-game win streak snapped but earned a split in a doubleheader with Hood River Valley on Saturday. The Bucks won the first 8-5 in 10 innings, and dropped the second 3-0.

In Game 1, Hood River Valley tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the seventh on an RBI double by JJ Mears, sending the game to extras. In the 10th inning, Ryan Stahl’s RBI single gave the Buckaroos (10-7 overall, 4-1 Columbia River Conference) a 5-4 lead and later a two-RBI single by Gabe Umbarger put the Buckaroos in front 8-4.

Umbarger finished the game 2-for-4 with a triple, two RBI, two walks and a run scored in the game. Quinn Doherty hit a solo home run in the sixth inning, Shaw Jerome had a double and Justin Duso had a team-high three hits.

In the second game, the Buckaroos didn’t have much offense as Eagles pitcher Conner Coeper threw a seven-inning shutout, giving up only three hits and three walks while striking out 12. Ryan Russell had two of Pendleton’s hits, one of which was a double.

HERMISTON 7-6, THE DALLES 6-7 — At Hermiston, both games of Saturday’s doubleheader between Hermiston and The Dalles were decided in the seventh inning, with Hermiston winning first 7-6 and The Dalles winning 7-6.

In the opener the Bulldogs (6-11 overall, 2-3 Columbia River Conference) trailed 6-4 as they came to bat in the bottom of the seventh and the rally began. A bases-loaded walk by Andrew James and a fielding error by The Dalles brought in three runs to tie the game at 6-6. Later in the frame, Jordan Ramirez was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, which brought in the winning run.

In the second game, a two-RBI triple off the bat of Wyatt Noland helped Hermiston to a 6-5 lead after six complete innings.

span. In March he averaged 27.9 points, 4.6 rebounds and 6.5 assists. He also set a franchise record by making 64 straight free throws. He was named the West’s player of the week twice.

But New Orleans was able to contain him in the playoffs. He averaged 18.5 points during the series, after scoring 26.9 per game during the regular season.

“We had ups and downs early in the season, but we were really solid. We had a great group. We played together for the entire season. We stuck together for the entire season. You work so hard to give yourself the opportunity to play in the playoffs and it’s disappointing to lose it,” Lillard said.

The Blazers have lost 10 straight playoff games. They were understandably stunned when the Pelicans took the first two games at the Moda Center. While they fought in Game 4, it was too late. New Orleans had the momentum.

No sixth seed had ever swept a No. 3 in a best-of-seven series.