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The Phoenix Suns get the first pick in next NBA draft

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Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano watches from the dugout during a 2017 baseball game against the Cleveland Indians in Seattle. Cano has been suspended 80 games for violating baseball's joint drug agreement.



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Cano suspended 80 games

Suspension makes him ineligible for postseason

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Seattle Mariners All-Star second baseman Robinson Cano was suspended 80 games for violating baseball's joint drug agreement.

The league announced Cano's suspension Tuesday, a stunning

development for the stalwart in the middle of the Mariners' lineup and a club expected to contend for a postseason spot in the American League. Cano tested positive for Furosemide, a diuretic. In a statement released through the players' association, Cano said, "This substance was given to me by a licensed doctor in the Dominican Republic to treat a medical ailment." He said he didn't realize it was banned.

Cano is the most prominent

player to be busted since Melky Cabrera was suspended in 2012 while leading the National League in hitting. There have been 36 players suspended this year under the minor league drug program and six in addition to Cano under the big league program: Houston pitcher Dean Deetz, Washington catcher Raudy Read, Pittsburgh pitcher Nik Turley, Kansas City outfielder Jorge Bonifacio, Toronto pitcher

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OSAA State Track & Field Championships



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Weston-McEwen's Kellen McGill passes to teammate Jacob Speed during the 4x100-meter relay Friday at the 2017 OSAA State Track & Field Championships. Speed and McGill are both competing at state again for the TigerScots, with Speed holding the top seed in two sprint events.

Speed racer

Weston-McEwen's Jacob Speed leads herd of locals to state track championships

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Last season, Weston-McEwen sprinter Jacob Speed helped his Tiger-Scot boys track and field team capture a Class 2A state championship.

He did his part individually by running to a second place finish in the 400-

meter dash and a third place finish in the 200-meter dash, as well as anchoring the 4x100-meter relay team to a third place finish.

On Thursday, Speed, now a senior, is one of five TigerScot boys and part of a herd of local athletes from Umatilla and Morrow counties heading back to the 2018 OSAA State Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene. And while Speed will surely do everything he can to help his TigerScots win another state championship, he is also set up to bring home

some state championship hardware individually.

Speed qualified for all three sprint events — the 100, 200 and 400 — and is also the anchor again of the 4x100 relay team. On the preliminary heat sheets, Speed is the top seed in the 200 and 400 where his season-best times are both nearly a half a second ahead of second place. And in the 100, Speed is seeded third based off of his district time, though Speed holds the top time

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Prep roundup

Lankford finishes third at state golf

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Riley Lankford capped off his tremendous prep golf career on Tuesday afternoon as he secured a third place individual finish at the 3A/2A/1A boys state golf championships at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks.

Lankford, who finished tied for fourth at state as a junior, matched his first round score with a one-under 71 for a 36-hole score of 142, finishing six strokes behind champion Scotty Kennon of Bandon and two back of Regis' Kyle Humphreys in second place. The Nixyaawii golfer began Tuesday's round on fire, sinking three birdies on the front nine and then birdied the Par-5 10th hole to get to four-under on the day. However, Lankford then rattled off four bogeys on the back nine to undo his progress.

Also at Quail Valley, the Heppner Mustangs' boys golf team wrapped up a fourth place finish as they knocked 14 strokes off of their first round score to finish with a 712. Kellen Grant shaved nine strokes off of his first round score to card a 81 on Tuesday to lead the Mustangs, while Logan Burright had an 88 and Reno Ferguson and Cason Mitchell each had a 90.

Echo also improved its team score by 21 strokes to finish in 10th place. Kyle Ranger led the Cougars on Tuesday with a 95, while Ian Faulkner scored a 98, Amber Treat a 99 and James Stradley a 103.

4A/3A/2A/1A GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS — At Banks, the Heppner Mustangs turned in a second place finish with a 36-hole score of 737, trailing only state champion St. Mary's (651).

Nicole Prophetor paced the Mustangs with a 87 on Tuesday to finish with a 173 in 11th place individually, while Sasha Keown (90-85—175) and Sophie Grant (87-91—178) both earned top-15 finishes as well. Rounding out Heppner's card were Claire Grieb (103-108—211) and Madison Combe (107-109—216).

5A GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS — At Corvallis, Pendleton's Megan George earned a fourth place individual finish and Hermiston's Grace Blackhurst ended in 14th to wrap up the 5A Girls Golf Championships at Trysting Tree Golf Club on Tuesday.

George, who finished fifth as a sophomore in 2017, shot an 84 on Tuesday to finish with a 79-84—103 for the tour-

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Sports shorts

Beavers baseball earns 19-6 win over San Diego

CORVALLIS — The Oregon State Beavers notched their 40th win over the season with a 19-6 win over San Diego in seven innings on Tuesday.

Adley Rutschman had three hits with a home run and five RBI for the Beavers (40-8-1). Trevor Larnach, Michael Gretler, and Troy Claunch also homered for the Beavers and Nick Madrigal added three hits with a triple.

The Beavers next host USC for a three-game series starting Friday.

Wanna-be bookies: It's not easy money

(AP) — Oddsmaker Jimmy Vaccaro says those wanting to get into the sports betting business when it expands nationwide need to understand that bookies don't always win. Vaccaro said bookmaking is a low margin business in which the people taking the bets aren't always guaranteed a profit. Vaccaro, said in a typical year sports books win between 4-5 percent of the total money wagered, but must pay state and federal taxes out of that win.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1884 — Isaac Murphy, a black jockey, wins the first of his three Kentucky Derby titles aboard Buchanan. The horse, handled by black trainer William Bird, is the first maiden to win the Derby.

1980 — The LA Lakers beat the Philadelphia 76ers 123-107 to win the NBA title in six games. Rookie guard Magic Johnson fills in at center for the injured Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and is named the Finals MVP. His 42 points are the most scored by a rookie in an NBA Finals game.

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