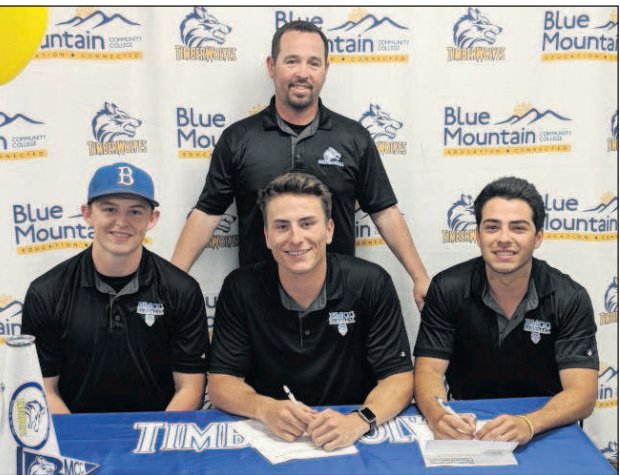




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Blue Mountain Community College baseball players Nate Cantonwine, left, Colton Walker, center, and Jerrett Plunkett, right, pose with BMCC baseball coach Brad Baker, back, before the three signed National Letters of Intent to continue their baseball careers at four-year universities.

BMCC standouts to continue college careers

Four T’wolves sign with four-year programs

East Oregonian

After exhausting their eligibility for Blue Mountain Community College, baseball players Nate Cantonwine, Colton Walker and Jerrett Plunkett recently earned the opportunity to keep their baseball careers going at four-year universities.

Cantonwine, a catcher and outfielder, will be returning to his hometown of Salem to play for Corban University next season and complete a bachelor’s degree in business. He was one of the top offensive players for BMCC in his two-year career, hitting .277 with four home runs, 20 doubles and 42 RBI, and was a NWAC East Region First Team All Star this spring.

“Nate is very deserving of a scholarship to Corban,” said Brad Baker, BMCC’s head baseball coach in a press release. “He has been a model student-athlete at BMCC, excelling in the classroom and on the baseball field. His hard work in the classroom, field, weight room, and his extra work hitting might be unmatched

by any student-athlete I’ve coached.”

Walker, a native of The Dalles, signed with Bellevue University, a NAIA program in Bellevue, Nebraska. In his two years in Pendleton, Walker started 23 games on the mound and went 9-6 with a 4.11 ERA with 104 strikeouts over 133 2/3 innings.

“Colton has been an excellent student-athlete at BMCC,” Baker said. “His hard work on the baseball field, classroom, and the weight room are towards the top of any player I have coached. Colton was a positive leader on the team who has a bright future in front of him.”

And Plunkett, a native of Spirit Lake, Idaho, signed with Dakota State University, a NAIA program located in Madison, South Dakota. Plunkett played 18 games for the Timberwolves in the outfield this season and hit .208 with six RBI and seven runs scored.

“Jerrett has been an awesome student-athlete to coach at BMCC,” Baker said. “He will be a great addition to Dakota State in the outfield and in the classroom. Jerrett, a kid who is always smiling and always has a positive attitude, is well-respected by his teammates and coaches.”

BRIEFLY

Trump calls off Eagles visit over anthem dispute

WASHINGTON — Digging deeper into a culture war that he’s repeatedly stoked, President Donald Trump on Monday called off a visit by the Philadelphia Eagles to the White House Tuesday, citing the dispute over whether NFL players must stand during the playing of the national anthem.

Trump said in a statement that some members of the Super Bowl championship team “disagree with their President because he insists that they proudly stand for the National Anthem, hand on heart, in honor of the great men and women of our military and the people of our country.”

He said the team wanted to send a smaller delegation, but “the 1,000 fans planning to attend the event deserve better.”

Instead, Trump said he would be hosting “a different type of ceremony,” featuring the United States Marine Band and the United States Army Chorus, that “will honor our great country, pay tribute to the heroes who fight to protect it, and loudly and proudly play the National Anthem.”

None of the Eagles took a knee during the anthem in 2017.

Last week, Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins said he would not attend the ceremony because he didn’t want to be part of a photo op, saying he wanted “to avoid being used as any kind of pawn.” In addition to Jenkins, defensive end Chris Long was the most outspoken player against going.

Former 49ers wide receiver Dwight Clark dead at 61

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Dwight Clark will forever be remembered for one iconic moment, his leap in the back of the end zone to make a fingertip grab of a game-winning touchdown that launched the San Francisco 49ers dynasty and is one of the most indelible images in NFL history.

Clark, the author of one play simply known as “The Catch,” died Monday just more than one year after revealing he had ALS. He was 61.

Clark said in March 2017 that he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s disease), which attacks cells that control muscles. He suspected playing football might have caused the illness.

The team said he died Monday surrounded by friends and family.

Clark won two Super Bowls with the 49ers during a nine-year career that ended in 1987. He memorably pulled down the winning touchdown pass from Joe Montana in the NFC championship game against the Dallas Cowboys following the 1981 season, a play remembered simply as “The Catch .”

It’s considered one of the most significant plays in NFL history and sent the Niners to their first of five Super Bowl titles in a span of 14 seasons.



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Teammates celebrate with Washington Capitals forward T.J. Oshie, center of the huddle, who scored a goal past Vegas Golden Knights goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury (29) during the first period in Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final, Monday, June 4, 2018, in Washington.

Capitals on verge of Cup after blowing out Vegas

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals are one win away from the first championship in their 43-year history after routing the Vegas Golden Knights 6-2 on Monday night to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the Stanley Cup Final.

T.J. Oshie, Tom Wilson and Devante Smith-Pelly all scored in the first period to get the Capitals rolling against a determined Vegas team that had no answers early against Braden Holtby, who stopped 28 shots in another strong showing. The desperate Golden Knights outchanced the Capitals by a wide margin but fell apart after James Neal clanked

a shot off the post instead of hitting a wide-open net early, and the expansion team’s Cinderella run could be over in a matter of days.

Evgeny Kuznetsov dished out four assists and John Carlson, Michal Kempny and Brett Connolly also scored as thunderous chants of “We want the Cup! We want the Cup!” rang out from the crowd.

Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals will get their first chance to seize the Cup in Game 5 on Thursday night back in Las Vegas. No team since the Detroit Red Wings in 1942 has blown a 3-1 lead in the Cup Final.

The Capitals seem to be getting enough bounces to make up for nine previous first- or second-round play-

off exits in the Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom era — and plenty more disappointments in the previous decades, too.

While Vegas rang several shots off the posts, the Capitals seized just about every opportunity as they have throughout this surprising run. Kuznetsov padded his lead as the playoffs’ leading scorer with primary assists on Oshie’s power-play goal that made it 1-0 and Wilson’s that doubled the lead.

Smith-Pelly, who scored the insurance goal to ice Game 3, kicked the puck from his left skate to his stick and roofed a shot on Marc-Andre Fleury with 20.5 seconds left in the first period. Fleury came into the final as the Conn Smythe

front-runner for playoff MVP honors but looked human again by allowing six goals on 23 shots at a defense that has often left him vulnerable.

Kuznetsov leads all playoff scorers with 31 points, Ovechkin is tied for the goal lead with 14 and Holtby showed again Monday his ability to alter the course of a game.

Holtby got some good fortune from the post on shots by Alex Tuch, Neal and Brayden McNabb. But he also made a handful of big saves early when the Golden Knights came out with a furious approach.

By the time Vegas got third-period goals from Neal and Reilly Smith it was too late.

SCOREBOARD

Prep slate

OSAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS				
At Volcanoes Stadium, Keizer				
Saturday 6A FINAL				
No. 1 Westview 8,	No. 3 Clackamas 4			
5A FINAL				
No. 3 Crater 2,	No. 1 Crescent Valley 0			
4A FINAL				
No. 4 Gladstone 3,	No. 3 La Grande 2			
At OSU Softball Complex, Corvallis				
Saturday 5A FINAL				
No. 1 Pendleton 7,	No. 6 Putnam 0			
6A FINAL				
No. 1 Tualatin 4,	No. 2 Clackamas 3			
4A FINAL				
No. 1 La Grande 6,	No. 3 Henley 1			

Basketball

NBA FINALS				
Golden State 2, Cleveland 0				
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)				
Thursday: Golden State 124, Cleveland 114				
Sunday: Golden State 122, Cleveland 103				
Wednesday, June 6: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
Friday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 6 p.m.				
x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State winner at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 5 p.m.				

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	5	0	10.00	—
Washington	5	3	6.25	1½
Chicago	3	3	5.00	2½
New York	2	2	5.00	2½
Atlanta	2	3	4.00	3
Indiana	0	6	0.00	5½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	4	1	8.00	—
Seattle	5	2	7.14	—
Phoenix	4	3	5.71	1
Dallas	3	3	5.00	1½
Minnesota	2	5	2.86	3
Las Vegas	1	5	1.67	3½

Monday's Games				
Connecticut 88,	Washington 64			
Phoenix 78,	Atlanta 71			
Los Angeles 77,	Minnesota 69			
Chicago 95,	Las Vegas 90			
Tuesday's Games				
No games scheduled				
Wednesday's Games				
Phoenix at New York, 8 a.m.				
Connecticut at Atlanta, 5 p.m.				

Hockey

NHL				
STANLEY CUP				
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)				
Washington 2, Vegas 1				
Monday: Vegas 6, Washington 4				
Wednesday: Washington 3, Vegas 2				
Saturday: Washington 3, Vegas 1				
Monday, June 4: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.				
Thursday, June 7: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.				
x-Sunday, June 10: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.				
x-Wednesday, June 13: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.				

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	19	68.3	—
New York	38	18	67.9	1
Tampa Bay	28	30	48.3	12
Toronto	26	33	44.1	14½
Baltimore	17	41	29.3	23

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	28	51.7	—
Detroit	29	32	47.5	2½
Minnesota	25	30	45.5	3½
Kansas City	21	38	35.6	9½
Chicago	18	38	32.1	11
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	37	22	62.7	—
Houston	37	24	60.7	1
Los Angeles	32	28	53.3	5½
Oakland	31	29	51.7	6½
Texas	25	37	40.3	13½

Monday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 7,	Detroit 4, 1st game			
Detroit 4,	N.Y. Yankees 2, 2nd game			
Tuesday's Games				
Chicago White Sox (Lopez 1-4) at Minnesota (Romero 2-2), 1:10 p.m., 1st game				
Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 1-0) at Washington (Scherzer 9-1), 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-1) at Toronto (Estrada 2-6), 4:07 p.m.				
Baltimore (Cobb 1-7) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-3), 4:10 p.m.				
Detroit (Lewicki 0-0) at Boston (Wright 1-0), 4:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Guerra 3-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 8-2), 4:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Manaea 5-6) at Texas (Moore 1-5), 5:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 3-6) at Minnesota (Littell 0-0), 5:10 p.m., 2nd game				
Seattle (Paxton 4-1) at Houston (Keuchel 3-7), 5:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Keller 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 2-4), 7:07 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	35	24	59.3	—
Washington	33	25	56.9	1½
Philadelphia	31	26	54.4	3
New York	27	30	47.4	7
Miami	20	39	33.9	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	23	61.7	—
Chicago	33	23	58.9	2
St. Louis	32	25	56.1	3½
Pittsburgh	30	29	50.8	6½
Cincinnati	21	39	35.0	16
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	31	27	53.4	—
Colorado	30	29	50.8	1½
Los Angeles	29	30	49.2	2½
San Francisco	29	30	49.2	2½
San Diego	27	34	44.3	5½

Monday's Games				
Arizona at San Francisco, late finish				
Atlanta at San Diego, late finish				
Tuesday's Games				
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Mugrove 2-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 1-0) at Washington (Scherzer 9-1), 4:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Cobb 1-7) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-3), 4:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Freeland 5-5) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-0), 4:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Guerra 3-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 8-2), 4:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Eflin 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Miami (Urena 0-7) at St. Louis (Martinez 3-2), 5:15 p.m.				
Atlanta (Newcomb 6-1) at San Diego (Lyles 2-1), 7:10 p.m.				
Arizona (Corbin 5-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-0), 7:15 p.m.				

Men's Baseball Tournament Regionals				
Double Elimination				
CORVALLIS REGIONAL				
At Goss Stadium at Coleman Field				
Saturday, June 2				
Northwestern State 9, San Diego State 0, SDSU eliminated				
Oregon State 14, LSU 1				
Sunday, June 3				
LSU 9, Northwestern State 5, NWSU eliminated				
Oregon State 12, LSU 0, OSU advances				

Softball

NCAA Women's College World Series				
At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium				
Oklahoma City				
Championship Series				
(Best-of-3)				
Monday: Florida State 1, Washington 0				
Tuesday: Washington (52-9) vs. Florida State (57-12), 5 p.m.				
x-Wednesday, June 6: Washington vs. Florida State, 5:30 p.m.				

Soccer

MLS						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	9	3	2	29	30	18
New York City FC	8	3	3	27	29	19
Columbus	7	3	5	26	21	13
New York	7	4	1	22	27	14
New England	6	4	4	22	24	20
Orlando City	6	6	1	19	22	23
Philadelphia	5	6	3	18	16	19
Phoenix	5	7	2	17	20	24
Montreal	4	10	0	12	15	29
Toronto FC	3	7	2	11	17	23
D.C. United	2	5	3	9	14	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting K.C.	8	2	4	28	28	14
FC Dallas	7	1	5	26	22	14
Real Salt Lake	7	6	1	22	19	26
Los Angeles FC	6	4	3	21	25	21
Portland	6	3	3	21	20	18
Vancouver	5	5	5	20	21	28
Houston	5	5	5	18	27	21
L.A. Galaxy	5	7	2	17	19	23
Minnesota United	5	8	1	16	17	26
San Jose	2	8	3	9	19	25
Seattle	2	7	2	8	7	14
Colorado	2	8	2	8	14	22
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						