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Prep football

Bucks, Dawgs team up in Les Schwab Bowl

All-Star game features five local players

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East Oregonian

Over the past two seasons for the Pendleton Buckaroos, Nick Bower and Shaw Jerome have shared a special connection on the football field.

Bower was the starting quarterback with a talented arm and Jerome was the quick, agile receiver that was Bower's favorite target. The duo connected 51



Nick Bower



Shaw Jerome



Joey Gutierrez



Jonathan Hinkle



Beau Blake

times in 2017 for 636 yards and six touchdowns, leading Pendleton to its first playoff appearance in three seasons. Both also earned college football scholarships along the way, as Bower will play at Pacific Uni-

versity and Jerome at Western Oregon. However before both players — who have been best friends and teammates since middle school — go their separate ways to college in the fall, the now former Pendleton

standouts will get one more chance to play together on the same field this weekend.

Bower and Jerome — along with Hermiston Bulldogs Beau Blake, Joey Gutierrez and Jonathan

Hinkle — will take part in the 2018 Les Schwab Tires Bowl on Saturday evening in Hillsboro, which is the annual all-star football game for the top Oregon senior players in the 6A-5A classifications.

"It's an amazing feeling," Bower said of the opportunity to play with his buddy again. "We've grown up so close together and have been teammates since the beginning. To be able to go out one last time against the best competition in Oregon is something we're both extremely excited for."

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Legion baseball

Hodgen rallies late for win

East Oregonian

Hodgen Distributing started the June Jam Wood Bat Tournament in Yakima on Friday with a come-from-behind 7-5 victory over West Valley.

Hodgen (7-1) trailed West Valley 5-2 after six innings, but put together a five-run top of the seventh to jump in front and steal the victory.

Kyle Field started the frame with a triple, and two batters later he scored on a double to left by Tanner Sweek. Then after Hodgen loaded the bases with two outs, Cooper Roberts came through with a two-run single to right field that tied the game at 5-5. Ty Beers then gave Hodgen a 6-5 lead with a RBI single and Quinn Doherty added on with an RBI double — his sixth double in eight games — for a 7-5 advantage.

Matthew Demianew earned the win after throwing the final four innings of relief, allowing only one run on eight hits with one strikeout. Hodgen's offense compiled 14 hits in the game, with Curtis Simons, Beers, Doherty and Field each with a pair. Beers hit a solo home run in the sixth inning, his second homer in the past three games.

Hodgen continues tournament play on Saturday and will finish up on Sunday.

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3B — K. Field (HDG). HR — T. Beers (HDG).						

SOUTHRIDGE BANDITS 7, PEPSI DIAMONDJAXX 2 — The Pepsi Diamondjazz dropped their first game of the Walla Walla Grizz Tournament with a 7-2 loss to the Southridge (WA) Bandits 7-2 on Friday afternoon.

Pepsi (2-7) dug itself into an early hole in the bottom of the first when starting pitcher Blake Swanson walked three batters, hit two and gave up one hit as Southridge pushed across three runs. The Diamondjazz battled back in the third inning when they loaded the bases with one out, setting up Jimmy Jones, who singled to score two runs to get within one run at 3-2.

Southridge took control of the game in the fourth with a four-run frame to coast to the victory.

Tyler Browning led Pepsi's offense with two hits from the leadoff spot, while Jesse Berry, Bryson Murray and Jones each had one hit.

Pepsi continues the tournament on Saturday with a doubleheader against Lake-side Rec at 9 a.m. and against Walla Walla at 2:30 p.m., and then wraps up on Sunday.

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Sports shorts

Leonard reportedly wants a trade from San Antonio

(AP) — Kawhi Leonard's time with the San Antonio Spurs may soon be over.

A person familiar with the situation says Leonard has told the Spurs that he would like to be traded this summer, the clearest sign yet that the relationship between the team and the All-Star is in disrepair. The person said Leonard has decided that he is "unhappy with the situation" in San Antonio. Yahoo Sports and the San Antonio Express-News first reported Leonard's hope for a trade.

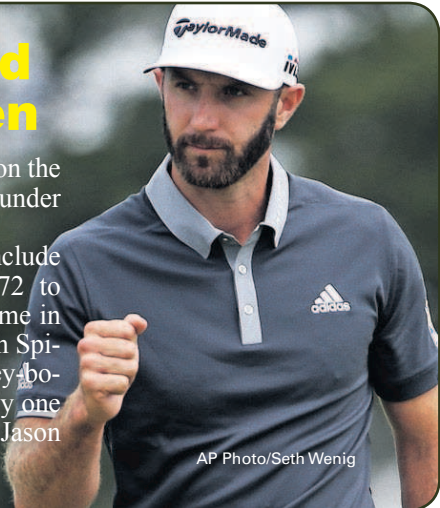
Johnson takes 4-shot lead into weekend of U.S. Open

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Dustin Johnson handled the worst of the weather and wound up as the sole survivor to par at the U.S. Open, taking a four-shot lead into the weekend at Shinnecock Hills.

Johnson dropped only one shot Friday morning in wind and two hours of light rain that made the course play even longer. He

made a 45-foot birdie putt on the par-3 seventh hole for a 3-under 67.

The weekend will not include Tiger Woods, who shot 72 to miss the cut for the fifth time in his last eight majors. Jordan Spieth joined him with a bogey-bogey finish to miss the cut by one shot. Rory Mclroy and Jason Day also missed the cut.



AP Photo/Seth Wenig

Span's pinch-hit double in 8th lifts Seattle past Boston

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Denard Span's pinch-hit double in the eighth inning scored two runs, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 7-6 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Friday night.

Span, hitting for Guillermo Heredia with one out, hit a liner to the right-field corner after Ryon Healy walked and Ben Gamel singled to left.

Rob Whalen pitched four scoreless innings of relief for Seattle. Ryan Cook (1-0) earned the win with a scoreless eighth inning and Edwin Diaz earned his major league-leading 26th save by working the ninth.

Matt Barnes (0-2) took the loss.

Xander Bogaerts hit a three-run homer as part of a six-run third inning that gave Boston a

6-3 lead, but a spectacular defensive play by Seattle second baseman Dee Gordon on a hard-hit ball up the middle by Bogaerts that ended the sixth inning kept Boston from adding another run.

The Mariners led 3-0 when Boston sent 11 men to the plate and had six hits and walk to chase starter James Paxton. The Mariners also committed two errors in the inning.

Paxton entered the game with a 0.39 ERA and 2-0 record in three previous starts against the Red Sox. Five of the six runs against Paxton were earned. He also threw two wild pitches.

Boston tied the game at 3 on four singles and an error by third basemen Kyle Seager, before Bogaerts hit his 11th home run.

Jean Segura gave the Mariners a 1-0 lead in the first inning when he launched Rick Porcello's fastball over the scoreboard in left field, a 420-foot shot.

Seattle made it 3-0 in the sec-

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Seattle Mariners' Ben Gamel, right, high-fives Dee Gordon (9) after Gamel scored on a go-ahead two-run double by Denard Span against the Boston Red Sox during the eighth inning of a baseball game Friday in Seattle. The Mariners won 7-6.

More magic for M's



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Mariners' Denard Span heads to first base after he hit a go-ahead two-run double against the Boston Red Sox during the eighth inning of a baseball game Friday in Seattle. The Mariners won 7-6.