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Local players selected for All-State Series

Zack Henrichs, Lino Covarrubia and Tanner Sater will play 3 games this weekend

> By ANNIE FOWLER East Oregonian

MCMINNVILLE — The high school baseball season is officially over, but for three Columbia Basin players, their season has been extended.

Irrigon's Zack Henrichs and Lino Covarrubia, and Weston-McEwen's Tanner Sater, were selected to play in the 3A/2A/1A All-State Series on



play on the East Team.

> "I'm really excited," Hen-

richs said. "I went and watched my buddy Austin (Rice) his senior year, and I thought, 'This is a blast.' I wanted to play. This is my goal."

Covarrubia

Henrichs, who has signed with Blue Mountain Community College, was selected to pitch and play the infield, while Covarrubia and Sater are outfielders.

"My coach told me he was

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going to put me in for it, but I didn't want to get my hopes up," Sater said. "He said I had a really good chance, and I really wanted it. When he called

and told me, I was pretty excited." For Corvarrubia, a center fielder, the games are the end of his playing days.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "This is pretty much it for me. It will be fun to play with Zack one last time. I'm kind of waiting to see where they put me — I'll play anywhere."

Henrichs, who has a per-

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fect game and a no-hitter to his credit this season, is hoping to get a few innings on the mound.

"I don't think Sater I will be pitching at Blue Mountain, so let's see what I can do, one last

time." The last Irrigon player to be selected to play in the series was Rice in 2017.

"I'm really excited to get to go with Lino and play together one last time," Henrichs said.

Henrichs was a first-team

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney, File The image of Ashlee Hodgen overlooks Bob White Field during 2018's Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament. Hodgen Distributing center fielder Ty Beers waits for a hit to come his way.

Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament to return for its fourth year

By BRETT KANE East Oregonian

PENDLETON — For some Bucks, baseball is a two-season sport.

Pendleton baseball fans can expect to see some familiar faces back on the field starting during Friday's three-day Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament. Kyle Field, Cooper Roberts, Tucker Zander, Ty Beers, Tanner Sweek, Curtis Simons and Blake Swanson of the Buckaroos and Logan Weinke of Pilot Rock are all joining the Pendleton-based Hodgen Distributing team.

The team got together for their season's first practice on Wednesday, and spent the day gearing up for their weekend-long tournament. Summer ball teams from Hermiston, Pasco, La Grande, Baker City, Vancouver, Meridian, and Clark County will also compete this weekend. The tournament is in its fourth year, and celebrates the life and legacy of Ashlee Hodgen, an avid Buckaroo athletics supporter who passed away in July of 2015. "What Ashlee loved was to watch the kids play baseball," said tournament director and Hodgen Distributing assistant coach Travis Zander. "We're playing five games in three days. Ashlee was all about inclusion — she wanted to see every kid on the roster playing the game." Hodgen played softball, volleyball, and basketball for the Echo Cougars until she graduated in 2009. Her father Mike Hodgen works with Pendleton's varsity baseball team on pitching and field maintenance, and far more often than not, Ashlee could be seen right alongside him. "She was loyal," Mike Hodgen said. "Even though she graduated from Echo, she was a true green and gold Buckaroo. In her eyes, a Buck never had a bad day. She was always positive. As a coach, I'd always talk to her about my concerns with the team after practice, and she was always quick to tell me that they were trying their best."

Raptors defeat Warriors in Game 3

By JANIE MCCAULEY Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kawhi Leonard, Danny Green and Kyle Lowry kept finding answers for every big shot by Stephen Curry and the beat-up Warriors, and the Toronto Raptors grabbed a pivotal road win in the NBA Finals by beating Golden State 123-109 on Wednesday night for a 2-1 series lead.

Curry scored a playoff career-best 47 points to go with eight rebounds and seven assists, but couldn't do it all for the two-time defending champions, down starters Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson and key backup big man Kevon Looney because of injuries.

Leonard scored 30 points, Lowry contributed 23 with five 3-pointers and Green had 18 points with six 3s after Pascal Siakam got the Raptors rolling early as Toronto shot 52.4% and made 17 from deep.

Splash Thompson missed his first career playoff game after straining his left hamstring late in Game 2, while Looney is out the rest of the series after a cartilage fracture on his right side near the collarbone that also happened Sunday. Durant, a two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP, is still out because of a strained right calf.

Golden State hopes to get healthier by Game 4 on Friday night back at Oracle Arena.

The Warriors trailed 96-83 going into the



final quarter then Curry's three free throws at 10:37 made it a seven-point game before backto-back baskets by Serge Ibaka.

Siakam scored 18 points and established the momentum for Toronto from the tip, hitting his first three shots and setting a tone for a defensive effort that stayed solid without the foul problems that plagued the Raptors in Game 2.

Golden State greatly missed not only Thompson's touch from outside but also his stifling defense.

Raptors coach Nick Nurse challenged his team to produce more defensive stops in order to get out in transition — "make them miss more," he said. Ibaka produced six blocked shots in the effort.

"We're at a point in the series we've got to get out and guard these dudes," Nurse said.

Curry shot 14 for 31 including 6 of 14 on 3s while making 13 of 14 free throws in his sixth career 40-point playoff performance.

Nurse pulled out a box-and-one to try to stymie Curry in Golden State's 109-104 Game 2 win, then the Raptors made Curry's shorthanded supporting cast try to beat them this time — and it sure worked.

TIP-INS

Raptors: All five Toronto starters scored in double digits and Fred VanVleet added 11 off the bench. ... The Raptors began 10 for 14 and scored 12 early points in the paint. .. Former Warriors G Patrick McCaw, who departed after last season in contract dispute, drew boos from the crowd when he checked into the game late in the first. AP Photo/Frank Gunn

Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard (2) drives for the basket as Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green (23) defends during the first half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals on Wednesday in Oakland, Calif.

Warriors: Curry's 17 first-quarter points matched his most in the period for the postseason. He also did so on April 27, 2014, against the Clippers. ... In the first half, Curry was 4 of 8 from 3-point range the rest of the Warriors 1 for 11. ... Draymond Green's streak of double-doubles ended at a career-best six games. A 12th overall this postseason would match Denver's Nikola Jokic for most in the 2019 playoffs. Tim Hardaway from the Warriors' "Run TMC" era attended the game.

WARRIORS INJURIES

Durant went through extensive workouts both Tuesday and Wednesday at the practice facility with the hope he would do some scrimmaging Thursday. While the Warriors weren't scheduled for a regular practice Thursday, coach Steve Kerr said some of the coaches and younger players might be called upon to give Durant the full-speed court work he still needs before being medically cleared to return.

He missed his eighth straight game since the injury May 8 in Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals against the Rockets.

Thompson was hurt in Game 2 on Sunday and was to be evaluated by the training staff before tipoff. He didn't end up warming up on the court.

Thompson did some running and shooting earlier in the day but Kerr said the Warriors weren't going to play him "if there's risk" of further damage at this stage of the series. Thompson is averaging 19.5 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.1 assists this postseason, including 23.0 points through the first two finals games.

Gate proceeds from the tournament will go toward the Ash-

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NCAA moving men's 3-point line to international distance

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The 3-point line is moving back in men's college basketball.

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel announced Wednesday that the arc will be moved to 22 feet, 1 ³/₄ inches for the 2019-20 season, matching the international distance.

The change will not go into effect in Division II and III until 2020-21 due to the potential financial impact on schools.

The committee said the line was moved to make the lane more available for drives from the perimeter, to slow the trend of making 3-pointers so prevalent and to create more offensive spacing by requiring the defense to cover more of the court.

The international line was used on an experimental basis in the National Invitational Tournament the past two seasons. Teams attempted 23.1 3-point shots in the 2019 NIT compared to 22.8 in the 2018-19 regular season. The 3-point shooting percentage also dropped 2.2% to 33%.

The 3-point line was last moved in 2008-09, extending a foot to 20 feet, 9 inches.



Paris in springtime? French Open rainout sinks schedule

PARIS (AP) — The second fullday washout at the French Open

since 2000 made a mess of the schedule Wednesday and raised the possibility that the Grand Slam tournament will not finish on time. Tournament director Guy Forget said there is a chance that the women's singles final could be delayed from Saturday to Sunday.

Roland Garros is the only Grand Slam site without a covered court; a retractable roof is expected to be added to the main stadium before next year's tournament at the facility in western Paris.