

WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

Wolves upset Falcons

Women's basketball hangs on for big victory

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's women's basketball squad experienced triumph and heartbreak during a pair of home games last week.

Freshman Sami Osborne scored a team-high 16 points as the Wolves upset No. 8 Seattle Pacific 67-62. Katie Goddard added 11 points, including a 3-pointer that gave WOU a five-point lead with two minutes left in the game. Dana Goularte returned from an ankle injury to score 10 points, grab six rebounds and dish out six assists.

"From start to finish, we played like we were going to win the game," Western Oregon coach Holli Howard-Carpenter said. "We played with poise and toughness (the entire game)."

Playing in the ROOT Sports Great Northwest Athletic Conference Game of the Week on Saturday, the Wolves found themselves in a close battle with Montana State Billings. Jordan Mot-



AARON YOST/for the Itemizer-Observer
WOU senior Dana Goularte scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds against Seattle Pacific.

tershaw scored 18 points, but the Wolves (5-12 overall, 2-7 GNAC) fell 59-57.

The Yellow Jackets hit a layup at the buzzer to win.

"Credit to (Montana State) Billings, they played

extremely hard to the very end," Howard-Carpenter said. "We really showed some heart and fought back from a 10-point deficit midway through the second half, but it was really

Billings' run late in the first half that hurt us."

Western Oregon hits the road to face Saint Martin's on Saturday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL REACHES MILESTONE: Western Oregon's men's basketball team had an offensive explosion, but it was its defense that starred last week. The Wolves held Simon Fraser to 41.7 points below its season average during a 114-75 win on Thursday. Jordan Wiley scored a career-high 26, while Andy Avgi (23 points) and Marwan Sarhan (20 points) also reached the 20-point mark. The Wolves also earned a 90-87 win over Western Washington on Saturday. Junior Julian Nichols hit one of two free throws with 1.4 seconds remaining and Avgi grabbed the rebound to preserve the win. Avgi scored 21 points, giving him more than 1,000 career points. WOU improved to 16-3 overall and 8-1 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play to remain in first place, the team's best start since it joined the conference in 2001. WOU hosts Montana State Billings on Thursday and Seattle Pacific on Saturday. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

WOU to induct six into Hall of Fame

Tickets still available for ceremony

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MONMOUTH — It's a moment athletes dream about. For six former WOU athletes, it's a dream that's about to become reality.

Western Oregon University will recognize its 2014 Hall of Fame inductees Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame are accepted from the public.

Inductees are:
• Jim Luke played baseball for the Wolves from 1960-63. He was a three-time all-conference selection and was the team batting leader for three seasons, hitting .375, .367 and .338. Luke played on the 1960 squad that won the NAIA national title.

• Darrell Brandt played both men's basketball and baseball in 1964. He received Oregon College of Education's Outstanding Athlete award in 1964 and was inducted into the NAIA District II Hall of Fame in 1981.

• Bruce Bradshaw was a guard on the men's basketball team from 1965-68. Bradshaw died Jan. 20, 1968, after suffering a head injury during a road game against Eastern Oregon University.

• Bridget Cooke was a track and field and cross-country standout from 1979-83. She holds the school record in the 10,000-meter run (36 minutes, 16.95 seconds) and ranks second in the 5,000 (17:28.82).

• Jim McCann was a six-time all-American in the long jump and triple jump from 1994-97. He went un-

Induction Time

What: 2014 Western Oregon University Athletic Hall of Fame.

When: Friday, 5:30 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. dinner and induction ceremony.

Where: Columbia Room (reception) and Pacific Room (dinner and induction), Werner University Center, Western Oregon University, Monmouth.

Admission: \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door, \$220 for a table of six.

For more information: 503-838-8449.

defeated in District 2 in the triple jump and was the NAIA national champion in 1995. McCann holds the school record in the triple jump (51 feet, 6½ inches).

• Greg McCarthy was a catcher for the baseball team from 2002-05. He earned Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors in 2005. He left as the school's all-time single-season leader in batting average (.442), hits (91) and doubles (23).

Ceremonies begin in the Columbia Room of the Werner University Center at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the induction ceremony at 6 p.m. in the WUC Pacific Room.

Tickets cost \$40 per person or \$220 for a table of six in advance.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$50.

For more information: 503-838-8449.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Dragons face critical stretch

Dallas falls short against Mid-Willamette Conference's top team

Itemizer-Observer staff report
DALLAS — The Dallas girls basketball team is looking to prove it belongs in the discussion to be among the Mid-Willamette Conference's top teams after splitting a pair of league contests.

The Dragons opened the week with a 65-47 win over South Albany on Jan. 20. Taylor Fennel scored a game-high 22 points, Dallas outscored South Albany 23-9 in the third quarter, extending its lead to 22 entering the final period.

The Dragons kept within striking distance against Corvallis during the first half, but lost 49-37 on Friday. Sarah Mitchell led Dallas with 14 points.

"I think (Corvallis was) a little more aggressive and

played with a little more sense of urgency," Dragons coach David Brautigam said.

Dallas played Crescent Valley Tuesday after press time and faces Lebanon Friday at 7:15 p.m.

"This is a big week for us. We need to beat the teams we should be able to beat and handle our business," Brautigam said.

CENTRAL REMAINS UNBEATEN IN LEAGUE PLAY: Junior Kylie Nash came up big as Central's girls basketball team remained unbeaten in Mid-Willamette Conference play ahead of a showdown with Corvallis. The Panthers defeated Crescent Valley 48-36 on Jan. 20 and Lebanon 46-42 on Friday. Nash scored 17 points and had seven assists against the Raiders, while Sai Tapasa added eight points. Nash recorded a game-high 23

points against Lebanon. Central (9-4 overall, 4-0 MWC) hosted Silverton Tuesday after press time and plays at Corvallis on Friday. The Spartans entered the week undefeated in league play. "We haven't played great the last two games, but have been able to pull out wins," Central coach Julie McDonald said. "Hopefully this week we come prepared and ready."

FALLS CITY EXTENDS STREAK: Falls City's girls basketball team continued to roll, extending its win streak to five games last week. Tierra Reynolds scored 20 points and Allison Kidd added nine points as the Mountaineers defeated Jewell 38-20 on Jan. 20. Falls City defeated Willamette Valley Christian 36-32 on Friday as Brittany Varney scored a game-high 16 points. The Mountaineers played Country Christian, the Casco League's

top team, Tuesday after press time. Falls City travels to play C.S. Lewis's junior varsity squad on Friday.

PERRYDALE HANGS ON: Holding a 31-21 lead over rival St. Paul entering the fourth, Perrydale coach Terry Newton expected a close battle. Newton was right, as the Pirates held on for a 39-37 win on Friday. "St. Paul and Perrydale have been major rivals for years," Newton said. "We were able to make some plays at the end." Cheyenne Locke scored 13 points, while Telaney Newton added 10 points. The Pirates (9-6 overall, 4-3 Tri-River Conference) defeated Santiam 51-28 on Jan. 20. Locke and Hannah Mitchell scored 13 points each. The Pirates played Kennedy Tuesday after press time. Perrydale hosts Central Linn Friday at 5:30 p.m. before playing at Regis on Monday.

PREP WRESTLING ROUNDUP

Hofenbredl wins big title

Dallas places sixth at Reser's Tournament of Champions

Itemizer-Observer staff report
HILLSBORO — Dallas senior Matt Hofenbredl hasn't seen the wrestling season he planned, missing several tournaments.

But Hofenbredl made a big statement at the Reser's Tournament of Champions on Saturday, placing first in the 132-pound division.

"Matt took a hiatus during the season to rest his knee," Dragons coach Tony Olliff said. "But one of his goals was to win the Tournament of Champions this

season."

Hofenbredl went 5-0 over the two-day tournament, beating Crook County's Brent Bannon in the championship match.

Noah Sickles (113) finished second, Tanner Earhart (138) took fourth and Nolan Miller (120) finished fifth to help lead the Dragons, who placed sixth out of 24 teams.

"I was really impressed with an emerging Noah Sickles," Olliff said. "He was unseeded in the tournament and he showed up.

More importantly, he showed up both days."

Dallas opened the week with a 41-28 win over Crescent Valley on Jan. 21.

The Dragons travel to South Albany for a Mid-Willamette Conference dual Wednesday (today) before hosting Silverton on Feb. 4.

CENTRAL EXCELS AT HOME DUALS: Central's wrestling team went 4-1 at its home duals on Saturday. The Panthers defeated Putnam 39-36, Gladstone 48-31, Jefferson 48-17 and Sheldon 54-24, and lost to Elmira 44-23. Tanner

Swinehart (170 pounds) and David Negrete (182) went undefeated at the duals to lead Central. The Panthers began their week with a win over Silverton on Jan. 21. Central and the Silver Foxes were tied at 39, but the Panthers won on a tiebreaker as Collin Swinehart (145), John Lippsmeyer (152), Gabriel Arreguin (160), Tanner Swinehart (170) Negrete (182), Alberto Meza (195) and Marlon Tuipulotu (285) earned victories for Central. The Panthers host Woodburn for a league dual Wednesday (today) at 6 p.m. before competing at the Monroe Tournament on Saturday.

PREP SWIMMING ROUNDUP

Dressel excels at invitational

Itemizer-Observer staff report
DALLAS — With the regular season winding down, Dallas' swim team is looking ahead toward districts after competing in three meets.

South Albany swept the Dragons on Jan. 20, winning 116-47 on the boys side and 114-51 on the girls.

At the Dallas/Central Invitational on Thursday, the girls took third out of six teams, while the boys placed fifth.

Junior Elizabeth Dressel won the 100-yard backstroke in 1 minute, 6.44 seconds and 100 butterfly (1:08.74),



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Dallas junior Elizabeth Dressel won the 100 butterfly at the Dallas/Central Invitational on Thursday.

while sophomore Jolie-Rae Ford won the 200- (2:06.09) and 500-freestyle (5:35.87) to lead the girls.

Jesse Genualdi placed second in the boys 200

freestyle (2:04.24) for the boys.

Silverton swept the Dragons on Monday.

"We have to get a lot of people's times down over the

next couple weeks," Dallas coach Jeff Bemrose said.

The Dragons host Central for their final dual meet Tuesday at 4 p.m.

PANTHERS CO-HOST MEET: Central's boys swim team placed fourth out of six teams at the Dallas/Central Invitational on Thursday. Senior Nathan Glade won the 100-yard backstroke in 1 minute, 5.9 seconds, while freshmen Daniel Glade placed second in the 500 freestyle (5:43.33) to lead the boys. The girls finished fifth out of six teams. The relay team of Annie Taylor, Caitie Miller, Sara Wright and Kate Taylor won the 200 medley relay in 2:15.99.

WOU baseball picked eighth in west

MONMOUTH — The National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America picked Western Oregon's baseball squad as the eighth best team in the West Region Preseason Poll on Friday.

WOU received 18 points. Chico State was selected to finish first. Two Western Oregon players received preseason recognition. Senior infielder Garret Harpole and senior pitcher Eric Huson were named to the NCAA Division II NCBWA Preseason All-West Region Second Team.

The Wolves are coming off their 13th straight Great Northwest Athletic Conference regular season title.

WOU went 30-21 overall and 22-10 in league play during the 2014 season.

Western Oregon opens its 2015 campaign Sunday through Tuesday against the University of California, San Diego.

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Athlete of the Week



Kylie Nash
Central High

Nash, a junior, played a big role during the Central girls basketball team's recent victories over Crescent Valley and Lebanon. Nash scored 17 points and dished out seven assists during a 48-36 victory over the Raiders on Jan. 20. She followed that performance with a game-high 23 points as the Panthers defeated the Warriors 46-42. Nash has played a key role in Central entering the week on an eight-game win streak.



Andy Avgi
Western Oregon

Avgi, a redshirt junior, helped Western Oregon's men's basketball squad extend its win streak to six last week. Avgi scored 23 points against Simon Fraser on Thursday. He also grabbed eight rebounds and had one block. Avgi scored a team-high 21 points during WOU's 90-87 victory over Western Washington. Avgi surpassed 1,000 career points during the win as the Wolves improved to 8-1 in league play.

To submit nominations for the Itemizer-Observer Athlete of the Week, contact Sports Editor Lukas Eggen at 503-623-2373 or leggen@polkio.com by 9 a.m. on Monday.