### **HOCKEY**

**NHL Standings** 

85 193 161 66 181 199 66 202 217 Buffalo 29 26 Florida 55 178 220 49 191 239 Ottawa Metropolitan Division Washington 79 220 205

75 201 188 74 187 171 74 218 197 Pittsburgh 33 22 68 191 215 N.Y. Rangers ersey 64 25 31 8 58 18 WESTERN CONFERENCE

79 196 173 78 212 188 74 184 172 Nashville 69 162 169 68 176 186 Dallas Minnesota 68 212 202 63 215 239 Pacific Division Calgary San Jose

82 229 201 73 195 187 67 173 182 63 180 203 61 179 213 57 142 199 Vancouve 65 27 29

64 23 33 8 54 152 204 All Times PST

Wednesday's Games
Toronto 6, Edmonton 2
Calgary 2, New Jersey 1 Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT Colorado 3, Vancouver 2, SO Chicago 4, Anaheim 3 Thursday's Games N.Y. Islanders 6, Toronto 1

Columbus 4, Philadelphia 3, OT Edmonton 4, Ottawa 2 Boston 4, Tampa Bay 1 Arizona 5, Vancouver 2 Vegas 6, Florida 5, SO Dallas 4, Los Angeles 3, OT Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Nashwille at Winnipea, 5 p.m.

Nashville at Winnipeg, 5 p.m. Vegas at Anaheim, 7 p.m. Colorado at San Jose, 7:30 p.m. Saturday's Games Edmonton at Columbus, 10 a.m. Chicago at Los Angeles, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at Montreal, 4 p.m. New Jersey at Boston, 4 p.m. Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m. Carolina at Florida, 4 p.m. Buffalo at Toronto, 4 p.m.

Dallas at St. Louis, 5 p.m. Detroit at Arizona, 5 p.m. Minnesota at Calgary, 7 p.m. **Sunday's Games** Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 9:30 a.m Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, noon Vancouver at Vegas, 1 p.m. Colorado at Anaheim, 1 p.m. Ottawa at Florida, 2 p.m. Winnipeg at Columbus, 4 p.m. Nashville at Minnesota, 4:30 p.m. Chicago at San Jose, 7 p.m.

### BASKETBALL

NBA Standings **EASTERN CONFERENCE** 

.726 .645 .597 .508 5 8 Philadelphia **Boston** 13½ New York Orlando Charlotte .443 .410 .339 Atlanta Milwaukee Indiana Chicago .242 WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division W L Houston San Antonio 3½ 9½ 10½ Dallas New Orleans **Northwest Division** Pct GB Denver Oklahoma City 19 23 23 26 33 Portland Pacific Division GB

9½ 11½ 12½ 29 30 31 L.A. Lakers

Wednesday's Games Houston 118, Charlotte 113 Atlanta 131, Minnesota 123, OT Miami 126, Golden State 125 Washington 125, Brooklyn 116 Chicago 109, Memphis 107 Portland 97, Boston 92 Dallas 110. Indiana 101 San Antonio 105, Detroit 93 Utah 111, L.A. Clippers 105 Milwaukee 141, Sacramento 140, OT L.A. Lakers 125, New Orleans 119
Thursday's Games
Indiana 122, Minnesota 115
Orlando 103, Golden State 96

Cleveland 125, New York 118 Houston 121, Miami 118 Philadelphia 108, Oklahoma City 104 Utah 111, Denver 104
Friday's Games Charlotte at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Portland at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 5 p.m.
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New Orleans at Phoenix, 6 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday's Games Detroit at Cleveland, 2 p.m. Orlando at Indiana, 4 p.m. Brooklyn at Miami, 4:30 p.m Golden State at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m. Memphis at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Metripriis at Dalias, 5.30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 6 p.m. Sunday's Games
Portland at Charlotte, 10 a.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.

Houston at Boston, 12:30 p.m. New York at L.A. Clippers, 12:30 p.m. Minnesota at Washington, 3 p.m Orlando at Cleveland, 3 Toronto at Detroit, 3 p.m. Memphis at Oklahoma City, 4 p.m.

### **LOCAL STANDINGS**

**CCCTournament** 

Women Championship Monday Eastern Oregon 75, Corban 60 Championship

College of Idaho 70, Southern Oregon 55

Prep Girls Basketball State Playoffs Class 4A

First Round
Friday
Junction City at Stayton, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Valley Catholic at Marshfield, 4 p.m.
Seaside at Baker, 4 p.m.
Newport at Hidden Valley, 4 p.m.
La Grande at Banks, 5 p.m.

La Grande at Banks, 5 p.m Henley at North Marion, 5 p.m. Madras at Philomath, 6 p.m. Marist at Astoria, 7 p.m.

Class 2A

Quarterfinals

Thursday, Feb. 28
At Pendleton Convention Center
Coquille 54, Grant Union 36
Kennedy 39, Central Linn 31 Heppner 48, Oakland 39 Enterprise 37, Vernonia 31 Friday

Consolation semifinals

At Pendleton High School Grant Union vs. Central Linn, 9 a.m Vernonia vs. Oakland, 10:45 a.m. Championship semifinals At Pendleton Convention Center Coquille vs. Kennedy, 6:30 p.m. Enterprise vs. Heppner, 8:15 p.m Saturday At Pendleton Convention Center

Fourth-place game
Central Linn/Grant Union winner vs. Vernonia/Oakland winner, 10:45 a.m Third-place game Coquille/Kennedy loser vs. Enterprise

Heppner loser, 6:45 p.m. Championship game Coquille/Kennedy winner vs Enterprise/Heppner winner, 6:45 p.m. Class 1A At Baker City Quarterfinals

St. Paul 42, Joseph 3 Damascus Christian 47, Days Creek 39 Perrydale 31, Jordan Valley 28 Powder Valley 46, Crane 44

Friday Consolation semifinals Joseph vs. Days Creek, 8 a.m. Crane vs. Jordan Valley, 9:45 a.m. Championship semifinals St. Paul vs. Damascus Christian,

Perrydale vs. Powder Valley, 6 p.m Saturday Fourth-place game
Days Creek/Joseph winner vs
Jordan Valley winner, 9:45 a.m.

Third-place game
St. Paul/Damascus Christian loser vs.
Perrydale/Powder Valley loser, 1:15 p.m

Championship game St. Paul/Damascus Christian winner Perrydale/Powder Valley winner, 9 p.m.

pner in tonight's semifinals

with the winner punching

a ticket to Saturday's state

championship game. Hep-

pner has won two out of

three contests between the

teams, including a 41-33

# **EOU** takes the national mat

By Ronald Bond

The Observer

Eastern Oregon men's wrestling team heads into the NAIA National Championships, which began this morning in Des Moines, Iowa, with its largest group of national qualifiers in the three years since the program returned.

They have high hopes, too. "We want to go out and put our best foot forward – attacking, having no regrets and leaving everything on the mat," EOU Head Coach Dustyn Azure said.

In all, five Mountaineers qualified for nationals, and two of them enter the tournament nationally ranked. Drake Randall (165 pounds) is seeded third entering his opening-round match against Benedictine's Tyler Harris. Randall is looking for a bounce-back effort after not living up to a lofty rank at nationals a year ago.

"Drake went in as No. 2 last year and did not reach his full potential," Azure said. "He can go in there and make some noise.'

The other ranked wrestler is Mhar Caballa, who is sixth at 125 pounds. He opens against York's Pierce

Meaerios. "Mhar has to get out there and continue to believe in himself. If he wrestles like he

**BADGERS** 

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forth contest was played in

a four-point window until the early fourth quarter,

with Crane on four occa-

sions building a four-point

lead only to have Powder

Valley cut into the gap be-

fore Crane jumped ahead

again. The teams were tied

in the second and third

quarters at 15, 26, 30, 32

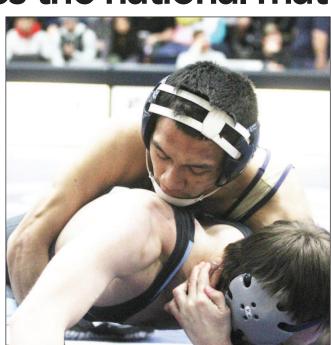
and 34, and in all were tied

The Badgers finally pulled

ahead for their first lead since

the third quarter, 35-34, on a

eight times on the night.



Ronald Bond/Observer file photo

EOU's Mhar Caballa, top, shown earlier this season, will contend for an all-American at 125 pounds this weekend.

did all season he'll be fine," Azure said.

The other three wrestlers — Blake McNall (133), Ryan Redford (184) and Harley DiLulo (197) — are all unseeded, but have turned in strong efforts and even some victories against wrestlers in their brackets who

are ranked. "They all have a great opportunity to get an all-American," Azure said. "We've had a great season and we're ready

to continue to build on it." The coach, in fact, thinks the team is capable of finishing well above its national ranking, when it was tied for 18th in the most recent coaches' poll.

Azure said he'd be ecstatic if the team pulled off three or four all-Americans, which will be awarded to anybody who finishes in the top eight. Beyond that, he said, "if we can get all-Americans out of (Randall and Caballa) and the others get to the blood round or get a couple wins,

that could put us in top 10. The tournament starts today and runs through

## **OUTLAWS**

Continued from Page 7A the shots stopped falling. The Loggers, who finished just 27 percent shooting, had only four made field goals through three quarters before heating up the fourth in their comeback attempt.

Enterprise shot just 33 percent in the win, but the Outlaws held a 28-23 edge in rebounding and forced Vernonia to commit 22 turnovers. Ashlyn Gray grabbed eight rebounds for the Outlaws, and Miller collected five steals, both game highs. The quarterfinal win

since a 64-22 win over Riddle in the 2012 playoffs. That year's squad went on to place fifth. The Outlaws (20-6 over-

all) will face Blue Moun-

tain Conference rival Hep-

was the first for Enterprise

win when the teams met two weeks ago in the BMC semifinals at the Pendleton Convention Center. "My girls are excited," Crawford said. "Hopefully

they'll get some rest and we'll see what happens." ■

## **EASTERN**

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really well," Dodd said. "Some events didn't go as well as they had (in the past), but I made up for it. I (set a personal record) in long jump and shot put, which I've been trying to do all season."

The junior, in fact, was most proud of her long jump effort, as all three of her attempts were better than her previous PR.

Dodd, who sat out last year to redshirt, said the extra time and training made a big difference.

"The redshirt year helped a lot. It helped me get focused," she said. "I trained really

Also on Thursday, the women's 4-by-400 relay team of Megan Bolton, Olivia Lane, Michelle Herbes and Elizabeth Herbes took third in the preliminaries with a time of 3:54.44 to reach Saturday's final. The men's team of Connor Young, Cooper Shaw, Derian Handfield and Devin Lewis-Allen placed 14th with a time of 3:19.72 and missed the finals, though the time the

group turned in was a program record. The meet runs through Saturday. ■

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# **EAGLES**

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"I can't be any prouder of how they decided they were going to try to (rally and) win it," Homan said of his team's comeback attempt.

Hite scored 10 of her points in the fourth quarter, with Homan saying the senior took over.

"She played phenomenal," he said. "She willed us back into the game by herself. There's a reason she's a

leader. They all stepped it up for sure. Offensively Emma took over when we were down." The Eagles didn't score

for nearly four minutes at the start before Haley Miller got Joseph on the board with two free throws. Hite gave Joseph a brief 7-6 lead

They went into the fourth up by two, then pushed the lead to 42-36 — their largest of the game — when Belle Blair scored twice in 22 sec-

Josi Krieger free throw late

in the third quarter.

onds to open the final quar-"Defensively we did some things in the second half that helped us," Allen Bingham

Megan Bingham added 12 points and five steals for Powder Valley, which took advantage of a large freethrow disparity. The Bad-

gers were 16-for-29, and the

with a jumper with about three minutes to play in the first quarter, and she hit a 3-pointer early in the second to give Joseph its only other

lead at 12-10. The Eagles struggled from the floor, shooting just 29 percent (12-for-42) while St. Paul hit at a 50-percent clip (17-for-34).

Homan said Joseph "had good looks and didn't fin-

The Eagles were also outrebounded by what Homan said was a bigger St. Paul team, 36-22. Joseph, though, did force 24 turnovers and scored 15 points off those turnovers.

Hite was the only Eagle in double figures. Sabrina Albee added eight points and Haley Miller scored six.

Isabelle Wyss had 13

Mustangs were 5-for-10.

Saturday. ■

"Every one of the makes were huge," the Powder Valley coach said.

Riley Davis had 13 points and 21 rebounds to lead Crane. Doman added 12 points, and Kelsie Siegner

had 10. The Badgers (25-3 overall) face Perrydale in the semifinals tonight, while Crane met Jordan Valley in the consolation semifinals this

morning. "I think it's a good draw for us," Allen Bingham said of the matchup with Perrydale.

points, all in the first half, for St. Paul, while Emma Connor had nine points and 10

It was the second meeting between the teams this season. St. Paul won in a January matchup, 40-32, in Dufur after trailing entering the fourth quarter, 24-21.

rebounds.

The win sent the undefeated Buckaroos (28-o overall) into a semifinal matchup tonight against Damascus Christian, while Joseph (25-4) dropped into the consolation bracket and a matchup this morning against Days "They're focused still,"

Homan said of his team's mindset after being eliminated from title contention. "You never want to lose, but they came to do a job. They'll be ready." ■