SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Wallowa at La Grande JV, 7 p.m.

Thursday

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Enterprise at Imbler, 7 p.m.

La Grande vs. Skyview, Idaho, Today's Dentistry Elite Eight, Nampa, Idaho, 5 p.m.

Union Christmas Classic
at North Powder

Powder Valley vs. Council, Idaho, 3 p.m.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Olympic Qualifier, Fort Wayne, Texas, all day

Friday

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Union, Powder Valley, Cove, Elgin at Union Christmas Classic, Union, opponents TBD, all day (starts at 9 a.m.)

Imbler at Notus, Idaho, 5 p.m.

Wallowa at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.

Joseph at Ione/Arlington, 4 p.m.

La Grande vs. TBD, Today's Dentistry Elite Eight, Nampa, Idaho, TBD

PREP WRESTLING

La Grande at Tri-State Meet, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 10 a.m.

Elgin, Enterprise, Imbler, Union/Cove, Joseph/Wallowa at John Rysdam Memorial Invite, Elgin, all day

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

La Grande vs. TBD, Today's Dentistry Elite Eight, Union, Powder Valley, Cove, Elgin at Union Christmas Classic, Union, opponents TBD, all day (starts at 10:30 a.m.)

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, Ashland, 5:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, Ashland, 7:30 p.m.

— Subject to change

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	35	21	7	7	49	118	90
Buffalo	35	16	12	7	39	110	108
Montreal	34	16	12	6	38	108	108
Toronto	35	17	14	4	38	115	112
Tampa Bay	32	17	12	3	37	114	103
Florida	33	16	12	5	37	115	109
Ottawa	35	14	18	3	31	94	113
Detroit	36	9	24	3	21	79	141

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	35	24	6	5	53	125	100
N.Y. Islanders	32	22	8	2	46	95	80
Carolina	34	21	11	2	44	113	89
Pittsburgh	34	20	10	4	44	114	90
Philadelphia	34	18	11	5	41	105	100
N.Y. Rangers	33	16	13	4	36	105	106
Columbus	34	14	14	6	34	87	101
New Jersey	32	10	17	5	25	77	115

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	35	21	8	6	48	107	95
Colorado	33	21	9	3	45	119	91
Winnipeg	34	20	12	2	42	104	97
Dallas	35	19	12	4	42	91	82
Nashville	33	16	12	5	37	115	106
Minnesota	35	16	14	5	37	107	115
Chicago	34	13	15	6	32	94	110

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Arizona	36	20	12	4	44	100	86
Vegas	37	19	13	5	43	112	105
Edmonton	36	19	13	4	42	108	110
Calgary	36	18	14	4	40	96	108
Vancouver	35	16	15	4	36	111	108
San Jose	36	16	18	2	34	98	125
Los Angeles	36	15	18	3	33	94	114
Anaheim	34	14	16	4	32	88	101

All Times PST

Monday's Games

Florida 6, Ottawa 1
Nashville 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Columbus 3, Washington 0
St. Louis 5, Colorado 2
Edmonton 2, Dallas 1

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Toronto 5, Buffalo 3
Los Angeles 4, Boston 3, OT
Nashville 8, N.Y. Islanders 3
Philadelphia 4, Anaheim 1
Columbus 5, Detroit 3
Carolina 6, Winnipeg 3
Pittsburgh 4, Calgary 1
Montreal 3, Vancouver 1
Vegas 3, Minnesota 2
Arizona 3, San Jose 2

Wednesday's Games

Anaheim at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 6:30 p.m.
Vegas at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	—
Boston	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	18	8	.692	1
Brooklyn	15	12	.556	4½
New York	7	21	.250	13

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	19	8	.704	—
Orlando	12	15	.444	7
Charlotte	13	17	.433	7½
Washington	8	17	.320	10
Atlanta	6	22	.214	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	24	4	.857	—
Indiana	19	9	.679	5
Detroit	11	16	.407	12½
Chicago	10	19	.345	14½
Cleveland	6	21	.222	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	18	8	.692	—
Houston	18	9	.667	½
San Antonio	10	16	.385	8
Memphis	10	17	.370	8½
New Orleans	6	22	.214	13

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	17	8	.680	—
Utah	16	11	.593	2
Oklahoma City	12	14	.462	5½
Portland	11	16	.407	7
Minnesota	10	15	.400	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	24	4	.857	—
L.A. Clippers	21	8	.724	3½
Sacramento	12	15	.444	11½
Phoenix	11	16	.407	12½
Golden State	5	23	.179	19

All Times PST

Monday's Games

Washington 133, Detroit 119
Toronto 133, Cleveland 113
Dallas 120, Milwaukee 116
Houston 109, San Antonio 107
Memphis 118, Miami 111
Oklahoma City 109, Chicago 106
Portland 111, Phoenix 110

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 110, Sacramento 102
Indiana 105, L.A. Lakers 102
New York 143, Atlanta 120
Brooklyn 108, New Orleans 101, OT
Utah 109, Orlando 102
L.A. Clippers 120, Phoenix 99

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 4 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 6 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Utah at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	11	3	0	.786	372	181
x-Buffalo	10	4	0	.714	291	222
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.357	247	343
Miami	3	11	0	.214	241	435

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	5	0	.643	341	330
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	339	279
Indianapolis	6	8	0	.429	303	329
Jacksonville	5	9	0	.357	250	353

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Baltimore	12	2	0	.857	472	257
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	269	259
Cleveland	6	8	0	.429	297	329
Cincinnati	1	13	0	.071	211	359

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	394	284
Oakland	6	8	0	.429	274	386
Denver	5	9	0	.357	239	284
L.A. Chargers	5	9	0	.357	299	290

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	378	288
Philadelphia	7	7	0	.500	334	328
N.Y. Giants	3	11	0	.214	283	382
Washington	3	11	0	.214	215	347

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	378	303
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	.500	416	398
Atlanta	5	9	0	.357	329	365
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	324	390

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	330	283
Minnesota	10	4	0	.714	378	259
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	256	253
Detroit	3	10	1	.250	304	373

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	11	3	0	.786	371	345
x-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	419	258
L.A. Rams	8	6	0	.571	332	306
Arizona	4	9	1	.321	310	398

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

All Times PST

Thursday's Game

Baltimore 42, N.Y. Jets 21

Sunday's Games

Kansas City 23, Denver 3
Tampa Bay 38, Detroit 17
Houston 24, Tennessee 21
N.Y. Giants 36, Miami 20
Seattle 30, Carolina 24
Green Bay 21, Chicago 13
New England 34, Cincinnati 13
Philadelphia 37, Washington 27
Arizona 38, Cleveland 24
Jacksonville 20, Oakland 16
Minnesota 39, L.A. Chargers 10
Atlanta 29, San Francisco 22
Dallas 44, L.A. Rams 21
Buffalo 17, Pittsburgh 10

Monday's Game

New Orleans 34, Indianapolis 7

Saturday, Dec. 21

Houston at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1:30 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 5:15 p.m.

College Football

All Times PST

Friday, Dec. 20
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Buffalo (7-5) vs. Charlotte (7-5), 11 p.m. (ESPN)

Frisco (Texas) Bowl
Utah State (7-5) vs. Kent State (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Dec. 21
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
NC A&T (8-3) vs. Alcorn State (9-3), 9 a.m. (ABC)

New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
Central Michigan (8-5) vs. San Diego State (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Liberty (7-5) vs. Georgia Southern (7-5), 11:30 a.m. (CBSSN)

Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
SMU (10-2) vs. FAU (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
FIU (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Las Vegas Bowl
Boise State (12-1) vs. Washington (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

New Orleans Bowl
UAB (9-4) vs. Appalachian State (12-1), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 23
Gasparilla Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
UCF (9-3) vs. Marshall (8-4), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
BYU (7-5) vs. Hawaii (9-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Miami (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Eastern Michigan (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
North Carolina (6-6) vs. Temple (8-4), 9 a.m. (ESPN)

Pinstripe Bowl
New York
Wake Forest (8-4) vs. Michigan State (6-6), 12:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Texas Bowl
Houston
Oklahoma State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 3:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Iowa (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-4), 5 p.m. (FS1)

Cheez-It Bowl
Phoenix
Air Force (10-2) vs. Washington State (6-6), 7:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Iowa State (7-5), 9 a.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
Penn State (10-2) vs. Memphis (12-1), 9 a.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl
Atlanta
CFP Semifinal, LSU (13-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
CFP Semifinal, Ohio State (13-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl
Dallas
Western Kentucky (8-4) vs. Western Michigan (7-5), 9:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Louisville (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Redbox Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Illinois (6-6) vs. California (7-5), 1 p.m. (FOX)

Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Florida (10-2) vs. Virginia (9-4), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Kentucky (7-5) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), 9 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
El Paso, Texas
Florida State (6-6) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 11 a.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Kansas State (8-4) vs. Navy (10-2), 12:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Wyoming (7-5) vs. Georgia State (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (CBSSN)

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Texas (7-5) vs. Utah (11-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Alabama (10-2), 10 a.m. (ABC)

Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Minnesota (10-2) vs. Auburn (9-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Georgia (11-2) vs. Baylor (11-2), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Cincinnati (10-3) vs. Boston College (6-6), noon (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Indiana (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

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"There's a lot at stake right now relative to these games when you look at the top of the NFC," Payton said. "It's about winning and winning and winning and trying to give yourself the best chance in the postseason."

The Colts (6-8) were eliminated from playoff contention after losing their fourth straight and sixth out of seven.

They were also left struggled to explain their lack of competitiveness in a game they needed to win.

"I wish I knew all the answers," Colts linebacker Darius Leonard said. "I hate losing more than I love winning."

Jacoby Brissett struggled at times with accuracy and finished 18 of 34 for 165 yards against a Saints defense looking for redemption after allowing 48 points in a loss to the 49ers a week earlier.

Meanwhile, Colts defenders had no answer for Michael Thomas, who caught 12 passes for 128 yards, including a 15-yard touchdown. Thomas' eighth game this season with at least 10 catches give him 133 for the season, which is also the fourth-highest single-season total in NFL history.

With four more catches, Thomas will pass Antonio Brown and Julio Jones for second most in a season. He needs 11 to eclipse Marvin Harrison's record of 143 from 2002.

Tre'Quan Smith caught a 21-yard touchdown pass for New Orleans.

Jordan Wilkins scored the Colts' lone TD on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter.

WILLIAMS

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out with the team, said there was a good connection, and was offered to join them.

"(It's) close to home, the team was really super welcoming to me, and I loved the coach and the school," she said of why she ultimately chose BMCC, noting the school also has prerequisites to her desired field of study — exercise science.

Becker-Bisenius spoke highly of Williams' versatility, and believes she shows a lot of promise.

"I think she could not only play setter, but she could also play defense. She's a phenomenal server. That's something I see them using her with right away," the coach said. "She's a great setter, and being left-handed I think she can only develop more at attacking. All the way around she's got a ton more potential in the sport."

The coach also said Williams being a lefty could be a bonus in a position such as a right side hitter, as she would be tougher for defenders.

"It's your on hand (on that side)," she said. "It's easier for her to attack on that side, and it's harder to read because there aren't as many left-handed players. Having that left hand as a weapon is a good thing."

Williams added La Grande going with a higher-paced offense more this season will help her at BMCC.

"Just running a quick offense this year is going to help me at the college level, and being able to play with bigger hitters," she said.

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Williams played setter and right side hitter for the Tigers during her senior year.

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