

LOCAL STANDINGS

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Lewis-Clark State	3-0	10-1
Oregon Tech	3-0	6-5
College of Idaho	2-1	8-3
Northwest	2-1	5-3
Warner Pacific	2-1	6-4
Multnomah	2-1	6-5
Corban	1-2	6-5
Bushnell	1-2	3-5
Southern Oregon	1-2	4-7
Evergreen	1-2	1-6
Eastern Oregon	0-3	5-5
Walla Walla	0-3	1-8

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Lewis-Clark State	3-0	9-0
Southern Oregon	3-0	10-1
Warner Pacific	3-0	5-3
Northwest	2-1	8-2
Bushnell	2-1	4-4
Eastern Oregon	2-1	5-6
College of Idaho	1-2	7-4
Evergreen	1-2	2-4
Multnomah	1-2	1-8
Oregon Tech	0-3	7-3
Walla Walla	0-3	1-9
Corban	0-3	1-9

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
La Grande	0-0	5-1
Baker City	0-0	4-2
McLoughlin	0-0	1-2
Ontario	0-0	0-3

2A BLUE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Heppner	0-0	6-1
Union	0-0	5-2
Weston-McEwen	0-0	3-3
Stanfield	0-0	3-4
Enterprise	0-0	1-5
Grant Union	0-0	1-5
Pilot Rock	0-0	1-5

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Powder Valley	0-0	6-0
Nixyaawii	0-0	4-2
Pine Eagle	0-0	1-3
Cove	0-0	1-4
Joseph	0-0	1-4
Griswold	0-0	0-4
Elgin	0-0	0-4
Wallowa	0-0	0-5
Imbler	0-0	0-6

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Baker City	0-0	4-2
McLoughlin	0-0	3-0
La Grande	0-0	3-3
Ontario	0-0	0-4

2A BLUE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Union	0-0	7-0
Stanfield	0-0	5-2
Enterprise	0-0	4-3
Pilot Rock	0-0	3-4
Weston-McEwen	0-0	3-4
Grant Union	0-0	2-4
Heppner	0-0	2-4

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Nixyaawii	0-0	5-0
Wallowa	0-0	2-3
Griswold	0-0	1-3
Pine Eagle	0-0	1-3
Cove	0-0	1-4
Joseph	0-0	1-4
Elgin	0-0	1-5
Powder Valley	0-0	0-6
Imbler	0-0	0-6

OSAA investigating racial slurs

De La Salle North Catholic High School and Clatskanie Middle/High School are cooperating with the investigation

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PORTLAND — When Nafisaria Mathews picked her daughter up after her basketball game Tuesday, Dec. 14, her daughter said the game was “terrible.”

Mathews said her daughter, a freshman at De La Salle North Catholic High School in Portland, told her that people at their game against Clatskanie Middle/High School were being racist and using the n-word.

About three-quarters of Clatskanie students are white. At De La Salle North Catholic, about three-quarters of students are Black or Latino.

“I had never heard her have that type of experience before,” Mathews said. “It was just surprising to me, I thought, ‘Wow, I

thought you were just going to play basketball.’”

The next morning, Mathews saw a social media post from someone affiliated with her daughter’s basketball team, talking about the game in more detail.

It was the same post Oregon School Activities Association Executive Director Peter Weber saw Dec. 15. The post said students were hurt after being called racist names by a few others on the opposing team from Clatskanie Middle/High School.

“In terms of the allegations that we’ve heard are racial slurs during the contest,” Weber said.

According to OSAA, the nonleague game ended early after a De La Salle player was ejected.

Oscar Leong, De La Salle North Catholic pres-

ident, called the events “extremely disappointing.”

“The use of racial slurs coupled with other inappropriate actions towards our girls basketball team, which includes our players and coaching staff, will not be tolerated,” Leong wrote in a statement shared with OPB.

“Respect for All Persons is a core Lasallian principle that guides our resilient school community. Respect and dignity was not shown to our young athletes and coaching staff.”

Clatskanie Middle/High School athletic director and dean of students Ryan Tompkins issued a press release Dec. 15 in response to the events.

“We are deeply troubled as a school community at the severity of the accusations, and are committed to resolving the issue and promoting the continued causes of equality in our society,” Tompkins wrote.

From here, Weber said the schools will start with their own investigations.

“Based on what comes out of that, we’ll determine if there’s further investigating that we need to be doing,” Weber said.

OSAA is also investigating allegations of racial slurs during a football game last month between La Grande and Gladstone high schools.

Weber said it’s important that OSAA be made aware of events like these.

“We don’t want those types of things to take place, but if they do, we want to make sure that they’re being addressed, and ... the behaviors are being interrupted,” Weber said.

After sharing the post on social media, Mathews said she heard from others saying similar things happened to them years ago.

“I would just like for there to be some real time put into what has been happening,” Mathews said.

“Why is that something that has happened for years and years and no one has done anything?”

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throughout the tournament, going 3-0 on the boys side. Powder Valley and Union concluded the tournament with a thriller of a finale, with the Badgers topping the Bobcats 54-50.

On the girls side, the Union swept the three-game slate and remained undefeated on the season. Both the Powder Valley boys team and Union girls team are looking like potential contenders early

in the year at the Class 1A and 2A levels, respectively.

As a whole, the tournament did right in honoring the memory of an unsung hero in the local sports world. The Calvin Hiatt Memorial Tournament was a perfect example of sports playing a role bigger than just balls and strikes — it can be how friendships are made, lessons are learned and lives are honored.

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EOU

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As an underclassmen acclimating to a new program, Mitchell relied on the Eastern coaching staff and the example of upperclassmen to improve over the years.

“I wanted to play up to their level,” Mitchell said. “The team has helped me grow a lot. My coach has always had my back.”

After finishing her career as a two-time All-American, Mitchell hopes to set the same example for younger

players in the program moving forward.

“I hope my success in the program can help them realize that they can be All-Americans or achieve

of proving what potential new recruits can achieve in the program.

“It really shows that you can come here and get a great education, have suc-

“She’s a very talented player and very deserving of the award, she’s definitely earned it.”

— Jacob Plocher, EOU Women’s soccer head coach

similar success as well.”

Plocher expressed a similar sentiment, but also views the award as a means

of proving what potential new recruits can achieve in the program.

Mitchell noted that

being surrounded by positive influences and creating strong relationships with teammates at Eastern was a high point of her time in the program. She credits her friends for helping her work on a solid balance of school, work and sports.

For Eastern, Mitchell’s individual achievements are a testament to what players in the program can achieve. The Mountaineers will now be tasked with replacing a crucial piece of the puzzle next season.

“We don’t have the success that we’ve had without her,” Plocher said. “She’ll definitely be missed.”

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