

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

# NO. 1 REDMOND IS STATE TOURNEY BOUND

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REDMOND — For the first time since 2006, the Redmond boys basketball team is headed to the state tournament.

The top-seeded Panthers are off to Gill Coliseum in Corvallis for the Class 5A quarterfinals next week after a 78-58 win over No. 16 Milwaukie Friday evening at Redmond High School.

“We have been waiting for this for a long time,” said Redmond senior Garrett Osborne, the Intermountain Conference Player of the Year. “It is nice to have it secured.”

Through the game’s first 16 minutes the Mustangs played the Panthers tough, leading midway through the first quarter, then trailing only by six points at halftime. It was even a one-possession game one minute into the third quarter.

Then in a span of a couple of minutes, the Panthers made five 3-pointers and threw down five dunks to take a 19-point lead in the third quarter, then cruise to the 20-point victory.

Senior guard Yoshi Saito said Redmond had never had a sequence like that throughout its 20-5 season.

“We were in a zone,” said Saito, who made two threes during the stretch and finished with six points. “I will remember that quarter forever. That was awesome.”

Junior Evan Otten led the Panthers with 26 points, Osborne finished with 22, and juniors Tanner Jones, Nathan Wachs and sophomore Colton



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Redmond’s Garrett Osborne throws down an alley-oop dunk during the Panthers’ 78-58 win over Milwaukie in the first round of the Class 5A playoffs Friday night at Redmond High School.

Horner each finished with eight. The Panthers will play their quar-

terfinal game Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. against No. 8 Ashland, which is com-

ing off a 56-47 win over La Salle Prep in the opening round.

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## Shower

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Griffith said he spent nearly half his life in prison, and when he got out, he had trouble adjusting to life on the outside.

“I got out and couldn’t get a job,” Griffith said. “So, I dug in dumpsters.”

Griffith recently defeated his methamphetamine habit, and is also working on quitting smoking.

He said the people with the homeless camp outreach program have given him access to nicotine patches as well as other services, and he is incredibly grateful. He wishes he could give something back, he said.

One thing in particular he is grateful for is the propane the community has distributed to him and the others that helps people stay warm.

“I don’t know how I did it back when they weren’t giving out propane,” Griffith said. “I think I just left the fire, went and got in my sleeping bag, and woke up in the morning in my sleeping bag and started the fire again.”

“If they ever run out of propane, people are going to die out here,” Griffith said. “It gets down to 10 below.”

Brenda Carroll, 51, is from Redmond and lost her apartment in 2013. She has been homeless on the outskirts of Redmond for about nine months.

Running out of water is the biggest hurdle for people like Carroll. Without water, she said, you can’t do much. You



Mark Keener, of Jericho Road, checks the tankless propane water heater in the new mobile shower trailer introduced at a homeless camp outreach program in Redmond on Friday.

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can’t cook. You can’t stay clean, and sometimes the only water around is from the nearby canal.

Carroll said four months ago she had a tent she slept in. But it collapsed, and all of her things got soaking wet, so she ended up with no clothes, no water, no food, nothing, she said.

That is why she is grateful for the services being provided, she said. One thing that is important to her is cleanliness, and she hopes there might be a shower truck twice a week at some point.

“Some people don’t take showers at all because they don’t make it on the day the

shower is available,” she said. “You don’t want to live out here if you don’t have to,” Carroll said. “A couple of my friends have already passed away, and they were sick. I’m really devastated this situation is going on in Central Oregon for the homeless. We don’t want to live this way. We don’t want to have to subject ourselves to this kind of life.”

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