

# SPORTS

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## Athletes of the Week

(FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 22-28)



**LANDREE MIETHE**  
 Warrenton

The senior started her week last Monday by signing a letter-of-intent to play softball at Lower Columbia College, and she finished by scoring 22 points in a win over Catlin Gabel Friday. Warrior coach Robert Hoepfl called it Miethe's best game of the season: "She was all over the place."

Miethe scored eight the next night in a win over Riverdale, and had a team-high 10 points against Oregon Episcopal as Warrenton completed a four-game home stand with a 4-0 record.



**JOHN WHITTLE**  
 Seaside

Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

A sophomore at Seaside, Whittle competed in the recent American Powerlifting Association Winter Powerlifting meet in Clackamas, and broke two state records in the squat and the deadlift in the age 13-15, 165-pound division. Whittle also competes in football and golf at Seaside. Team members of "Seaside Barbell" had a great meet, breaking five state records, with 14 personal bests.

Whittle lifted 280 pounds in the squat and 375 in the deadlift. He took the records from teammate Skyler Yoshino, who broke the records of Patrick Leary, who held the marks for three years. In addition to Whittle, team members include Christopher Avery, Jr., Michael Bailey, Josh Chesnut, Jordan Johnson and Skyler Yoshino.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Ex-cheerleader sues NFL over low wages, rules

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A former San Francisco 49ers cheerleader filed a federal lawsuit alleging NFL executives and team owners conspired to suppress wages for cheerleaders.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday by the woman identified only as "Jane Doe" names the league and each football team and seeks class-action status for all NFL cheerleaders, described in court papers as "female athletes."

The NFL and its owners conspired "with the purpose of reducing market competition among female athletes and thus ensuring female athlete earnings remained far below fair market value," the suit alleges. NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said Wednesday the NFL hadn't seen the suit and would have no comment.

The suit estimates damages between \$100 million and \$300 million and demands cheerleaders be paid commensurate with their contributions as "brand ambassadors" for teams.

### SCOREBOARD

#### PREP SCHEDULE

##### TODAY

**Girls Basketball** — Jewell at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Riverdale, 6 p.m.; Faith Bible at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Delphian, 6 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Jewell at Perrydale, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at NW Christian, 7 p.m.

**Wrestling** — Warrenton at League 5-Way, Amity, 5 p.m.

##### FRIDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Riverdale, 6 p.m.; Faith Bible at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Delphian, 6 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:30 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 7:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Riverdale, 8 p.m.; Faith Bible at Knappa, 8 p.m.

**Swimming** — Cowapa League Championships, at Scappoose, 4:15 p.m.

##### SATURDAY

**Wrestling** — Cowapa League Championships, Seaside, 10 a.m.

#### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Cowapa League Boys		
	League	Overall
Seaside	5-0	12-2
Valley Catholic	4-1	12-4
Banks	3-2	12-3
Tillamook	2-3	6-12
Astoria	1-4	10-8
Scappoose	0-5	5-10

Cowapa League Girls		
	League	Overall
Seaside	5-0	12-2
Banks	4-1	13-2
Valley Catholic	3-2	11-6
Astoria	2-3	6-12
Scappoose	1-4	2-13
Tillamook	0-5	4-13



Andy Nelson/The Register-Guard

Oregon coach Willie Taggart discusses his first recruiting class for the Ducks during a an NCAA college football news conference on national signing day at the Hatfield-Dowling Complex on Wednesday, in Eugene, Ore.. Taggart replaced Mark Helrich who was fired after the 2016 season.

## Taggart lures Florida recruits, Arizona flippers

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
 Associated Press

Oregon's recruiting class had such a Florida feel under new coach Willie Taggart that it had its own social media hashtag: Floregon.

Oregon has been infused with new energy since Taggart was hired following a disheartening 4-8 season. He has been crisscrossing the country since he was hired away from South Florida.

It's perhaps unsurprising that he was able to bring in a few recruits — seven, actually — from the Sunshine State. Among them are defensive tackle Jordon Scott from Largo, running back Darrian Felix of Fort Meyers, athlete Bruce Judson of Cocoa, safety Billy Gibson of Miami, coache Demetri Burch of Apopka, receiver Daewood Davis of Fort Lauderdale and wide receiver Darrian McNeal of Seffner.

"There are a lot of guys down there that really, really like Oregon, they just haven't been offered before," Taggart said in announcing the class Wednesday.

Taggart was also able to lure a group of players who had originally settled on Arizona, including four-star quarterback Braxton Burmeister and outside linebacker Cody Shear of Eugene.

Other things to know:  
**Top 25 Class:** Yes.  
**Best in class:** Braxton Burmeister, QB, La Jolla, California. Although Oregon has a young quarterback in Justin Herbert, who will be a sophomore next season, the Ducks demonstrated the need for developing talent at the position after bringing in gradu-



Octavio Jones/The Tampa Bay Times

Oregon football recruit Darrian McNeal, center, sits for a photo with his mother, Deonzia Woullard, left, holding her 1-year-old son, Clarence Gordon, and his brother Dyson McNeal, 5, at Armwood High School in Seffner, Fla., Wednesday.

ate transfers for the past two seasons. Burmeister threw for 4,461 yards and 53 touchdowns while rushing for 1,470 yards with 27 touchdowns his senior year at La Jolla Country Day.

**Best of the rest:** College of San Mateo transfer George Moore, considered the top JC offensive lineman in the country. Among the team's four-star recruits were cornerbacks Thomas Graham and Jaylon Redd, and linebacker Isaac Slade-Matautia from Honolulu.

**Late addition:** Four-star athlete Deommodore Lenoir of Los Angeles waited until the afternoon to announce he had signed with Oregon, posting images of himself wearing Oregon uniforms on Twitter.

Shear, who committed to Ari-

zonia, changed his mind on Wednesday morning after Taggart offered him a scholarship at 7:30 a.m. He announced that he had switched to the Ducks at a signing day gathering at Sheldon High School.

**One that got away:** Sacramento's Josh Falo, considered one of the top tight ends in the country, chose USC over Oregon on Tuesday night.

How they'll fit in: Oregon's biggest needs are on defense, and the Ducks looked like they addressed that side of the ball. Scott has already enrolled at Oregon, as has defensive tackle Rutger Reitmaier from Nashville, Tennessee. Two more defensive tackles from California, Popo Aumavae and Austin Faoliu, signed Wednesday.

## Oregon State targets wide receivers, defensive backs

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
 Associated Press

A four-star junior college defensive tackle expected to contribute right away is among the highlights of coach Gary Andersen's third recruiting class at Oregon State.

Craig Evans, a 6-foot-3, 305-pound four-star prospect out of Arizona Western College also had offers from Arkansas, Colorado, Ole Miss and Kentucky but selected the Beavers back in December.

He posted a video on Twitter that proclaimed "Beaver Nation! Stand up!"

Evans was recruited by Andersen when he was coach of Wisconsin, but academic issues got in the way. Andersen stayed in touch when Evans went to Michigan State and then to junior college.

"I think he won't miss a beat with the kids we have in the program," Oregon State defensive line coach Chad Kauha'aha'a said.

The Beavers finished 4-8 last season, including a 34-24 victory over Oregon in the final regular-season game that snapped an eight-game losing streak in the Civil War.

Other things to know:

**Top 25 Class:** No.

**Best in class:** WR Isaiah Hodgins from Walnut Creek, California. Hodgins, who selected the Beavers over Oregon and Nebraska, is already enrolled. Hodgins originally committed to Washington State, but a visit to Corvallis changed his mind. His dad, James, played under Oregon State assistant Dave Baldwin at San Jose State.

**Best of the rest:** The Beavers were able to nab two running backs out of Texas, BJ Baylor out of Wharton and Calvin Tyler out of Beaumont. Recalling Oregon State history, the Beavers have had luck before with a running back from Texas: Jacquizz Rodgers. Oregon State also got three local in-state recruits: defensive tackle Josh Bowcut and safety David Morris from Sherwood, and outside linebacker Travis Mackay of Portland's Central Catholic.

**Late addition:** Three-star linebacker Kesi Ah-Hoy, who had previously committed to Hawaii. Andersen and his coaches got help landing Ah-Hoy from a fellow recruit from Hawaii, safety Charles Watson.

One that got away: Safety Juliano Falaniko of American Samoa signed with USC.