

# SPORTS

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## Fremstad on the receiving end of scholarship

The Daily Astorian

The Oregon Chapter of the National Football Foundation awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 16 scholar-athlete finalists Feb. 26, at the 56th annual Oregon banquet.

Among the athletes was Astoria senior all-state quarterback Fridtjof Fremstad,

who was chosen from among 89 applicants who met eligibility requirements for the award.

Each scholar-athlete must apply the scholarship to their tuition bill at the college of their choice.

Four of the 16 football scholar-athletes were honored with the top scholar-athlete awards. They were 6A/5A

Back of the Year Cole Sipos of Lebanon High School; 6A/5A Lineman of the Year Nick Wiley of Sunset High School; 4A/3A/2A Back of the Year Brett Traeger of Kennedy High School; and 4A/3A/2A Lineman of the Year Jack Suing, also of Kennedy High School.

The other finalists, in addition to Fremstad to received a \$1,000 scholarship

were Tanner Earhart of Dallas, Dominic Federico of Cascade, Eric Gustin of Regis, Tyler Hargis of Lebanon, Brandon Leitgeb of Lincoln, Tyler Miller of Lebanon, Conner Morris of Newberg, Lukas Nixon of Sherwood, Jackson Platt of Beaverton, Tanner Scanlon of North Marion and Tim Tawa of West Linn.



Fridtjof Fremstad

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Aboushi signs with Seattle

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks added depth on the offensive line by signing former Houston guard Oday Aboushi.

Seattle announced the deal with Aboushi on Monday. Aboushi spent his first two seasons with the New York Jets and the past two years with Houston. Aboushi made eight starts and appeared in 11 games during his time with the Texans. He started 10 games in his two seasons with the Jets.

Aboushi joins former Jacksonville offensive lineman Luke Joeckel as Seattle's two signings this offseason looking to bolster a line that was among the worst in the league last season. Aboushi's strength has been in pass protection, and he's had only four accepted penalties against him the past two seasons.

### Puerto Rico ekes by Netherlands to reach WBC final

By BETH HARRIS  
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Carlos Correa was 17 and watching the World Baseball Classic on television four years ago, too young to participate.

When his chance came around this time, the Houston Astros' star shortstop was up to the task.

Correa hit a two-run homer in the first inning and scored the winning run in the 11th to give Puerto Rico a dramatic 4-3 victory over the Netherlands on Monday night.

Next up is a spot in the championship game.

"When I feel that I'm all excited, I try to calm down, breathe deep and concentrate on what we're doing," Correa said. "This is something that we rehearse every day, so we will be able to do it well at the end."

Eddie Rosario, who went 0 for 4, hit a sacrifice fly to center field in the 11th that drove in Correa, triggering a massive celebration on the field and in the stands from red, white and blue-clad fans pounding cow bells and tooting horns and whistles.

T.J. Rivera's solo shot in the second put Puerto Rico ahead 3-2.

Puerto Rico will play either two-time champion Japan or the United States for the title on Wednesday night at Dodger Stadium. The Puerto Ricans also reached the final in 2013, losing to the Dominican Republic 3-0.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

**Baseball** — St. Helens at Astoria (Tapiola), 4 p.m.; Estacada at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Arizona Tournament, TBA

**Softball** — Yamhill-Carlton at Astoria (CMH), 5:30 p.m.; Seaside at Estacada, 4:30 p.m.

**Boys Golf** — Astoria at Scappoose, 1 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside (Gearhart).

**Girls Golf** — Tillamook Invitational, 12:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

**Softball** — Astoria at Mark Morris, 4 p.m.

**Baseball** — Knappa at Arizona Tournament, TBA

**Track** — Warrenton at Ilwaco, 3:30 p.m.; NWL Relays, at Columbia Christian, 4 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Baseball** — Astoria at Stayton, 4:30 p.m.; Cascade at Seaside, 4:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Baseball** — Regis at Warrenton (2), 1 p.m.

**Softball** — Seaside at Warrenton (2), Noon

## NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT



Duke's Crystal Primm (13) drives to the basket while Oregon's Mallory McGwire defends during the first half of a second-round game in the NCAA women's college basketball tournament in Durham, N.C., Monday.

## Ducks dunk No. 2 seed Duke

### Oregon women reach Sweet 16 with win

By JOEDY MCCREARY  
 Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — When it comes to NCAA Tournament experience, all of the Oregon Ducks are like freshmen — because they'd never been here until now.

Fortunately for the Ducks, their actual freshmen are playing far beyond their ages.

Freshman Ruthy Hebard had 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Oregon earned its first Sweet 16 berth by upsetting Duke 74-65 on Monday night in the second round of the tournament.

"It's funny, we never really put a goal on how far we can go, just because we didn't know what we had," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said. "We've kind of attacked the entire season as a work in progress. ... With a young team, you kind of have to do that."

#### UP NEXT: OREGON DUCKS

- Oregon Ducks (22-13) vs Maryland Terrapins (32-2)
- Saturday, 8:30 a.m. TV: ESPN

"House money, that's a good way to put it," he added. "We're playing with house money." Maite Cazorla added 17 points and Lexi Bando finished with 14 points to help Oregon (22-13) become the first No. 10 seed in a decade to reach the round of 16.

The Ducks, in their first tournament since 2005, had never advanced past the second round in their 12 previous appearances. Now they're on to Bridgeport, Connecticut, to take on third-seeded Maryland (32-2) in a regional semifinal.

"I think what we're all going to take is just, we've got to play our hardest," Hebard said. "No one's guaranteed a spot. Seeds don't mean anything ... and hopefully, we'll keep winning."

Lexie Brown scored 25 points for the second-seeded Blue Devils (28-6), who have been upset at home in the tournament's second round twice since 2014. They played without guard Kyra Lambert, who tore her left anterior cruciate ligament in the first round against Hampton.

"I thought Lexie played extremely hard, and did many, many things out there that needed to be done, and at times needed to be done by two people, not just one," coach Joanne P. McCallie said.

Oregon was in control all night — never trailing after the first 3 minutes, methodically stretching its lead to 15 on back-to-back 3s by Bando and Cazorla early in the fourth quarter and holding off Duke's last-gasp push to get back in the game.

Brown pulled Duke to 68-63 with three free throws with 26.7 seconds left before freshman Sabrina Ionescu iced it by hitting six free throws in the final 24.5 seconds. Ionescu finished with 13 points.

## Beavers coach Pat Casey even surprised by pitching prowess

By ERIC OLSON  
 Associated Press

Another week of dominant pitching has Oregon State off to a 17-1 start.

The Beavers, who own the best ERA in the country by far, will find out how good their arms really are this week when Arizona (15-4) visits Corvallis.

They're coming off their first road sweep against Arizona State since 1966, holding the Sun Devils to one run and striking out 31 over 27 innings.

"Well, we certainly have pitched very well and our defense had been a big part of that," Beavers coach Pat Casey wrote in a text message to The Associated Press on Monday. "I'm not sure if I've seen a staff be this consistent over that many games."

Oregon State leads the nation with its 1.06 ERA (Louisville is second at 1.75) and 5.3 hits allowed per nine innings. The Beavers are second with six shutouts, third with 2.0 walks per nine innings, and fourth with a 4.2-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

No. 1 starter Luke Heimlich (4-0) has allowed one earned run in 36 2/3 innings (0.25 ERA) and No. 3 starter Jake Thompson has given up just four in 33 1/3 (1.08). No. 2 starter Bryce Fehmel, 10-1 with a 2.31 ERA as a freshman last season, is 3-1 with a 2.00



Godofredo Vasquez/The Gazette Times

**Oregon State coach Pat Casey, center, disagrees with a call during the third inning against Central Arkansas in Corvallis in April. Oregon State posted its first road sweep against Arizona State since 1966 largely because of a pitching staff that held the Sun Devils to one run in 27 innings and struck out 31. The task gets tougher this week when the Beavers play a home series against Arizona, the nation's top offensive team.**

ERA. The Beavers' other starter, Sam Tweedt, is 3-1 with a 2.14 ERA after missing 21 months because of Tommy John surgery.

Returning closer Max Engelbrekt has five saves, and the bullpen has combined to give up three runs over 44 1/3 innings (0.61).

Arizona, the national runner-up to Coastal Carolina in 2016, is first in the country with a .355 batting average and 10.4 runs per game. The Wildcats have four players batting .405 or better. Alfonso Rivas is batting .436, and Jared Oliva and JJ Matijevic share the national lead with 12 doubles.

## Labs extend their purebred popularity record; Rottweilers rise

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — America's most popular dog breed is taking yet another victory lap.

Labrador retrievers extended their record run last year in the top spot, leading the American Kennel Club's new rankings today for a 26th straight year. But Rottweilers are enjoying renewed favor, and some other dogs have been striding up the popularity ladder. A closer look at some of the rungs:

#### The Top 10

In 2013, Labs grabbed the record for the longest stretch at No. 1, and they haven't let go. Affordable, relatively easy to train and eager to please, they're popular partly because "you don't have to be an expert dog owner to own a Lab," says AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. But for those seeking more than a family pet, the breed has proved itself at everything from bomb sniffing to guiding the blind.

The rest of the Top 10, in order: German shepherds, golden retrievers, bulldogs, beagles, French bulldogs, poodles, Rottweilers, Yorkshire terriers and boxers.