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IN BRIEFOregon QB  
Herbert out  
with fractured  
collarbone

EUGENE — Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert is out “for a while” because of a fractured collarbone, coach Willie Taggart said.

Taggart also said junior line-backer Kaulana Apelu is out for the season with an ankle fracture.



Herbert, running back Royce Freeman and receiver Dillon Mitchell, all starters for the Ducks, were injured in the first half of Oregon’s 45-24 victory Saturday over California. Taggart did not mention the other players by name but said “everyone else is day-to-day.”

Herbert left the game near the end of the first quarter after a 7-yard touchdown run. He finished 7-of-8 for 81 yards and also had a touchdown pass.

Backup quarterback Taylor Alie left the game with an injury during the fourth quarter, paving the way for third-string quarterback Braxton Burmeister to make his first college appearance.

The Ducks (4-1, 1-1) host No. 11 Washington State (5-0, 2-0) this Saturday.

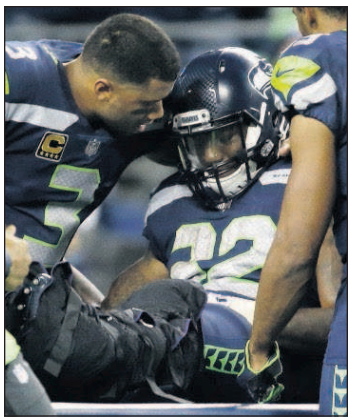
Seahawks lose  
RB Carson with  
fracture in left leg

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle running back Chris Carson suffered a fracture in his lower left leg when he was pinned in a pile in the fourth quarter of the Seahawks’ win over the Indianapolis Colts.

Speaking on his weekly radio show on KIRO-AM, coach Pete Carroll said the fracture was discovered just below Carson’s knee.

Carroll said the initial concern was about Carson’s ankle and initial examinations didn’t show a fracture there, but additional tests revealed the extent of the injury. He also has a significant high-ankle sprain and will be out for a while.



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson  
**Quarterback Russell Wilson, left, comforts running back Chris Carson before Carson is taken away on a cart.**

## SCOREBOARD

## PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

## TODAY

**Volleyball** — Astoria at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Portland Adventist at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Columbia Christian, 5:30 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** — Astoria at Scappoose, 4:15 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 4:15 p.m.

**Boys Soccer** — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

**Cross Country** — Trojan Relays, TBA

## THURSDAY

**Volleyball** — Tillamook at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7 p.m.; OES at Warrenton, 6 p.m.

**Girls Soccer** — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7:15 p.m.

**Boys Soccer** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.

**Football** — Naselle at Washington School for the Deaf, 3:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

**Football** — Tillamook at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Blanchet Catholic, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

**Cross Country** — Tillamook XC Invitational, 3 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**Volleyball** — Columbia Christian at Knappa, 5:30 p.m.

**Cross Country** — Riverwalk Run, TBA



Submitted Photo

**Astoria senior McKenzie Burnett, left, eventually finished 23rd out of 239 runners in the varsity Division 3 race, just behind teammate Sophie Long, center, who finished 22nd.**

Lady Fishermen run strong  
in ‘Nike Portland XC’ meet

By GARY HENLEY  
 The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — The Astoria girls cross country team — which could be competing for a 4A state championship a month from now — finished sixth out of 32 teams Saturday in the “Nike Portland XC” meet, held at the Portland Meadows Race Track.

The Lady Fishermen missed a trophy finish by three points, with 20 personal bests for the entire Astoria squad. The Astoria boys placed 27th out of 35 teams.

“Overall, (the Astoria girls) had excellent races against fast competition,” said Astoria coach Andrew Fick, as the Lady Fishermen are ranked ninth among Oregon 4A schools.

“Nearly everyone had PRs today,” he said. “I’m very happy with the improvements on both the boys’ and girls’ teams. The girls are doing an especially good job of running together as a team.”

“McKenzie (Burnett) and Sophie (Long) have been doing a great job of getting out fast

early on and helping to set a tempo for the rest of the girls.”

With several different races and events, the Astoria girls competed in the Division 3 Varsity event, a 5,000-meter race.

Long had Astoria’s best finish, as the freshman crossed the finish line in 20 minutes, 57.4 seconds, for 22nd out of 239 runners. Burnett was 23rd in 21:01.

Kathy Perez was 66th (22:16), freshman Abigail Groncki took 84th (22:42), and freshman Emma Roe placed 102nd (23:02).

“Kathy and Libbie (Nash) have really been stepping up too,” Fick said. “Libbie ran her fastest 5K ever by about a minute (23:35, 136th). Abi and Emma have also been critical for us in the four and five spots. Their ability to keep in touch with Sophie, McKenzie and Kathy for a good part of the race and finish in the top half is a big reason for our ability to be competitive as a team this year.”

“They’re really developing as distance runners, and it’s a lot of fun to see them keep moving up, especially on a big stage like Nike Portland.”

In other highlights, Astoria sophomore McKenna Long placed fourth in the Junior Varsity 3K out of 271 runners, also setting a PR (13:34).

And in the race featuring most of the top runners — the 5,000-meter Danner Championship — former Astoria runner Kaylee Mitchell (now attending Sprague High School) finished 10th in 18:11, out of 142 runners from several different states.

On the boys’ side, Seaside senior Rafi Sibony was ninth individually in the Division 3 race, in 16:49. The Gulls finished 31st as a team.

For Astoria, “Cameron (VanRaden, 18:16) and Nikolai (Boisvert, 18:49) are putting up great freshman marks,” Fick said. “Sometimes in these big meets it’s hard to know where you really stand against such a big field, but I think there are only around 15 freshmen boys in 4A running under 19:00 right now, so that’s a great start.”

“We have a lot of positive energy on the boys’ team right now, and I’m excited to see what kind of gains we can accomplish over the next few weeks before districts.”

## Baseball playoffs kick off tonight

By BEN WALKER  
 Associated Press

All those home runs by Aaron Judge, all those wins by the Los Angeles Dodgers, nicely done. Except none of that matters now — a sinker that bounces to the backstop, a liner that hooks barely foul, the whole script flips.

October has a way of doing that.

The Major League Baseball playoffs start Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium when New York hosts the Minnesota Twins in the AL wild-card game. A look at the 2017 postseason:

**ALTUVE’S ASTROS** — Generously listed at 5-foot-6, Jose Altuve is baseball’s little big man. The do-everything second baseman won his third AL batting title and aims to lead the Astros to their first World Series crown. With the Houston area recovering from Hurricane Harvey, they’re the sentimental favorites.

**BULLPENS** — Kenley Jansen and Aroldis Chapman going long, Andrew Miller entering early, Clayton Kershaw as a closer. The old rules were out last October when it came to relief roles. We’ll see what pops up in the ‘pens this year.

**CUBS VS. CLEVELAND** — Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, Corey Kluber & Crew, once more? It’s been a while since a World Series rematch, when Reggie Jackson led the Yanks over the

Dodgers in 1977-78. But, it’s already been a ripe year for repeats — Warriors vs. Cavaliers, Alabama vs. Clemson.

**DEBUTS** — Strikeout king Chris Sale makes his first playoff appearance when Boston starts at Houston on Thursday in the best-of-five AL Division Series. Rockies bopper Nolan Arenado and Twins slugger Brian Dozier are postseason newbies, too. So is Nationals backup Adam Lind, after 12 years and more than 1,300 games.

**EXTRA** — Hmmm, anyone remember the last time a postseason game went to extra innings? Hard to top the Cubs’ 10-inning, rain-delayed, 8-7 thriller over Cleveland in Game 7. The Red Sox are the experts of extras this year — they’re 15-3, including seven straight wins.

**HOME FIELD** — World Series home-field advantages goes to the team with the best record. Thankfully, it’s no longer based on who wins the All-Star Game. That means the Dodgers (104 wins) get first dibs, followed by Cleveland (102), Houston (101), Washington (97), Boston (93) and the Cubs (92).

**INJURIES** — Nationals ace Max Scherzer tweaked his hamstring, teammate Bryce Harper is getting over a bad knee. Banged-up All-Stars Miguel Sano of the Twins and Michael Brantley of the Indians might be able contribute this week. Might not.

**KERSHAW** — He tied for the

major league lead in wins and won his fifth ERA title. He’s a three-time Cy Young Award winner and seven-time All-Star. But will anyone get more scrutiny in the postseason than Clayton Kershaw? Probably not, because the LA lefty is 4-7 with a 4.55 ERA in the postseason.

**LOUSY WEATHER** — Too bad, the temperature is often better suited for snowballs than baseballs. It was in the low 40s at Wrigley last year, and just imagine how it might feel in Denver or Minneapolis. If you want clear conditions, root for Arizona vs. Houston and their retractable roofs.

**NETTING** — Fan safety has drawn special focus ever since a 1-year-old girl was recently hit by Todd Frazier’s 105 mph foul ball at Yankee Stadium. Of the teams in these playoffs, three already had extended the netting to screen spectators: Houston, Washington and Minnesota. The Yankees say they’ll have it next year.

**OCTOBER** — Of course. But if the World Series goes to Game 7, they’ll go beyond Halloween and play on Nov. 1.

**PUERTO RICO** — Carlos Beltran, Francisco Lindor and Carlos Correa are among the many players from Puerto Rico trying to raise money and awareness for the damage done to their island by Hurricane Maria. Look for messages on caps and shoes over the next few weeks.



AP Photo/Bill Kostroun  
**New York Yankees’ Aaron Judge.**

**QUICK?** — Extra mound conferences, longer TV commercials, more pitching changes, they all contribute to slowing down the pace in the playoffs. MLB wants to speed up the action and avoid a repeat from last year, when postseason games averaged almost 3 1/2 hours. Not a good sign that regular-season games this year took more than 3 hours, 5 minutes on average, the longest ever.

**YANKEE STADIUM** — The playoffs begin the Bronx, with Yankees youngster Luis Severino starting the AL wild-card game, taking on Ervin Santana and the Twins.

**ZACK GREINKE** — The Arizona ace is set to throw the first pitch in Wednesday’s NL wild-card game at home against a familiar opponent. He’s 2-1 in five starts vs. Colorado this year.