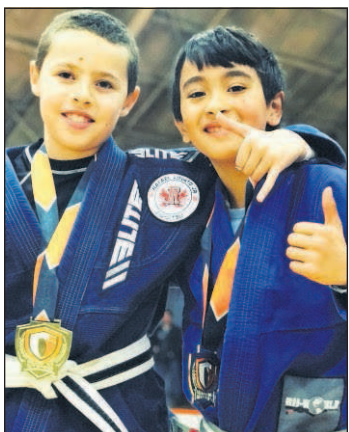


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Seaside Jiu-Jitsu competitors Cam'ron Graham, left, and Xanh Quang came home with gold medals from an Oct. 21 event in Portland.

Jiu-Jitsu fighters
earn medals
in Portland

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — Four athletes from the Seaside Jiu-Jitsu Academy competed Oct. 21 at the Grappling Industries tournament in Portland, where two local youth and two adults won a combined seven medals, including five gold and two silver.

"All of our athletes performed extremely well," said Seaside Jiu-Jitsu coach Zachary Adamson. "We've been making adjustments in our training and it really showed."

Local competitor Evan Yokoyama competed in one of the toughest divisions. He faced a top California prospect (Lance Phillip Chong) who represents one of the top teams in the nation. Yokoyama was ready, however, and was able to "overwhelm his opponent early on, and submit him in devastating fashion," according to Adamson.

The team competes again next month in Seattle.

Astoria Parks
& Recreation
seeking sponsors

The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Parks and Recreation department seeks sponsors for the upcoming youth basketball season.

In order to assure a successful program for the youth of the community, Astoria Parks & Recreation relies on local businesses that serve the community to provide sponsorship and help with the cost of the program.

The fee is \$150 to sponsor a team this season. For more information, contact Dana King at: dking@astoria.or.us, or 503-325-7275; or the Astoria Parks & Recreation Coordinator, LeRoy Woodrich.

Georgia,
Alabama, Notre
Dame top 1st
CFP rankings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A couple of games played during week two of the season had a major effect on the first College Football Playoff rankings.

Georgia, Alabama, Notre Dame and Clemson were the top four teams in the selection committee's initial top 25 released Tuesday night.

Oklahoma, Ohio State and Penn State were next as the committee members let head-to-head results and strength of schedule be their guide. The final rankings that will determine the participants in the College Football Playoff semifinals come out Dec. 3.

Georgia and Alabama, Southeastern Conference rivals, are both 8-0 and have been dominating their competition. The Bulldogs' one close game was at Notre Dame in September, a 20-19 victory.



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Los Angeles Dodgers' Joc Pederson hits a home run against the Houston Astros during the seventh inning of Game 6 of baseball's World Series Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Dodgers and Astros push their
wonderful World Series to Game 7

By GREG BEACHAM
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kenley Jansen blew a 94 mph pitch past Carlos Beltran to wrap up a six-out save Tuesday night, and Dodger Stadium roared with equal elements excitement and anticipation.

This World Series is just too good to go anything less than seven games.

The Los Angeles Dodgers and Houston Astros will play for a championship in Chavez Ravine on Wednesday night, wrapping up two outstanding seasons in Game 7 — the biggest stage in North American team sports. Two 100-win teams will play a winner-take-all finale to the baseball season for the first time since 1931.

"This is a great series," said Houston's George Springer, who hit his fourth homer of the Series on Tuesday. "I know we lost (Game 6), but this is awesome."

WORLD SERIES: GAME 7

• Houston Astros at Los Angeles Dodgers (series is tied up 3-3)
 • Today, 5:20 p.m. TV: FOX

For the fourth time in seven years, the Fall Classic is going to Game 7. It's the 39th time since baseball went to a best-of-seven World Series format, and the first time it has happened in back-to-back seasons since 2001-02.

"I think you dream about that as a kid," said Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson, whose third homer in four games powered Los Angeles past Houston in Game 6. "I think it's going to be big for ... all of us to just remember it's still a baseball game. You've got to slow it down. Still play the same way that we've been playing all year that got us to here."

Game 5 was a fascinating spectacle in Houston, a 13-12 win in 10 innings that put

the Astros on the brink of their first championship. Game 6 merely was superbly played, with Los Angeles calmly snatching a crisp 3-1 victory from the edge of defeat.

The Dodgers and Astros have played one of the most memorable postseason series in recent history — and now they even get the chance to top the finale of last year's World Series.

Just a year ago, the Chicago Cubs ended their 108-year championship drought with a 10-inning thriller in Game 7. Chicago got extra-inning RBIs from MVP Ben Zobrist and Miguel Montero in a landmark victory over the Cleveland Indians, whose own drought reached 68 years last fall.

Another significant drought will end at Dodger Stadium, which has never hosted a World Series Game 7 in its storied history.

The Astros haven't won a title in 56 seasons of existence, while the Dodgers haven't raised the trophy in 29 years.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

With 4 starters gone, Oregon
Ducks team is in transition

By ANNE M. PETERSON
 Associated Press

Oregon guard Payton Pritchard is just a sophomore but for now he's charged with leading the Ducks following the departure of four starters.

Oregon is in transition with few returnees from last season's Final Four team, joined by a handful of freshmen and two graduate transfers.

"We are expecting more from him in the ways of leadership, especially through November and December, until we get a lot of guys on the page with what we're doing," coach Dana Altman said about Pritchard. "I think he's going to have a big role, a tremendous role of trying to get everybody on the same page."

The Ducks set a school record for wins last season, finishing 33-6 and making just the second national semifinal appearance in school history. It was the team's fifth straight trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Oregon beat Iona, Rhode Island and No. 23 Michigan to reach the Elite Eight — where the team pulled off a thrilling 74-60 victory over the Jayhawks.

That sent the Ducks through to their first Final Four since 1939, when the Tall Firs won the first-ever NCAA Tournament with a final victory over Ohio State. The team was bumped from their bid for a spot in the national championship game by eventual champion North Carolina.

Oregon also won a share of the

Pac-12 regular-season title and went undefeated at home for the second straight season.

Pritchard averaged 7.4 points per game last season, along with 3.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists.

"I think eventually they'll blend together and be a pretty good team," Altman said. "But they're going to have to work awfully hard and give up some of the things they think are important, to do some of the things that are important for the team."

KEY DEPARTURES: Dillon Brooks, who averaged just over 16 points last season for the Ducks, was a second-round pick by the Memphis

Grizzlies. Jordan Bell also went in the second round and was traded to the Golden State Warriors. Tyler Dorsey went to the Atlanta Hawks in the second round. Chris Boucher went undrafted but signed a two-way contract with Golden State.

"None of them were projected out of high school to develop like that. But they all worked awfully hard. Because of that, I think they should all feel really good about where they're at right now. Because it's taken us to 90 wins in three years like they did, an Elite Eight and a Final Four. It was a great group of guys," Altman said.

ADDITIONS: The Ducks added graduate transfers in Elijah Brown, a guard who averaged 18.9 points last season at New Mexico, and forward MiKyle McIntosh, who averaged 12.5 points and 5.6 rebounds last year at Illinois State.

Oregon State Beavers look
to (hopefully) healthy season

By ANNE M. PETERSON
 Associated Press

Oregon State is hoping to finally realize the promise of its 2015 recruiting class that featured Tres Tinkle, Stephen Thompson Jr., and Drew Eubanks.

All three are healthy going into this season.

Tinkle, a 6-foot-8 forward, was sidelined for much of last season with a wrist injury, one of a series of unfortunate events to befall the Beavers. Oregon State finished 5-27 and at the bottom of the Pac-12 with just one conference win.

"It was hard to get into a groove," coach Wayne Tinkle said. "Even though we lost four guys early, about the same time, the end of November, it's just we were dealing with different things from week to week. We were so young, so short on depth. We just had no margin for error."

Tres Tinkle, the coach's son, broke his right wrist in the sixth game of the season. He was averaging 20.2 points, 8.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists. He was granted a medical hardship and will play this season as a redshirt sophomore.

Oregon State's lone conference win came at home against Utah, 68-67, on Feb. 19. The Beavers were the 12th seed going into the Pac-12 tournament and fell in the opening game to California.

Eubanks, a 6-foot-10 forward, started in all 32 games last season,

averaging 14.5 points, 8.3 rebounds, 1.2 assists and 2.2 blocks per game. Thompson averaged 16.3 points, 4.3 rebounds and three assists, while making 57 3-pointers.

"I was proud of the guys hanging in there, because there were only a couple of games where we were blown out from the jump. We were in it for 32 minutes even against the best teams in the league," the elder Tinkle said. "We just ran out of gas."

The Beavers return 10 players, including the starters for most of last season: Thompson, Eubanks, JaQuori McLaughlin, Kendal Manuel and Gligorije Rakocevic.

Oregon State added six newcomers, including forward Seth Berger, a graduate transfer from UMass, and Ethan Thompson, Stephen's little brother.

FAMILY AFFAIR: The Thompson brothers are the sons of Oregon State assistant Stephen Thompson, who was the head coach at CSU Los Angeles for nine years before coming to Corvallis with Wayne Tinkle's staff in 2014.

INCOMING — THOMPSON: Ethan Thompson is a four-star shooting guard out of Bishop Montgomery in Torrance, California, where he averaged 22.8 points, 7.7 rebounds, and 5.4 assists as a senior. Wayne Tinkle said the youngest Thompson emerged in advance of the team's exhibition trip abroad this summer.

"Ethan Thompson is a kid that has been a leader his whole life. He's not afraid to get vocal," Wayne Tinkle said.

