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Kaepernick named GQ magazine's citizen of year

NEW YORK — Free agent quarterback Colin Kaepernick has been named GQ's magazine's "Citizen of the Year" for his activism.

Kaepernick began kneeling instead of standing during the national anthem last season to protest racial inequality and police brutality. The demonstration sparked a wave of NFL protests by players during the anthem that repeatedly have been denounced by President Donald Trump. Kaepernick parted ways with the San Francisco 49ers in March and hasn't been signed by another team.

Kaepernick says on Twitter he's "honored" by the recognition.

The magazine's story includes comments from several of Kaepernick's supporters and confidants. Rapper J. Cole says Kaepernick "sacrificed his dream" to stand for something. Ninety-year-old singer and activist Harry Belafonte says seeing people like Kaepernick taking action is "the greatest reward" he could ask for.

Ex-tennis star Jelena Dokic: Father beat and spit at her

SYDNEY — Former tennis star Jelena Dokic says from a young age her father regularly beat and kicked her. He would pull her hair, spit in her face and belittle her with vile insults.

Dokic, once ranked No. 4 in the world and a Wimbledon semifinalist, writes of her ordeal with Damir Dokic, also her coach, in an autobiography to be released this week.

"He beat me really badly," Dokic, now 34, told Sydney's Sunday Telegraph. "It basically started Day One of me playing tennis. It continued on from there. It spiraled out of control."

After losing to Lindsay Davenport in the Wimbledon semifinals in 2000 at age 17, Dokic said her father refused to acknowledge her following the match.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Knappa 48, Oakland 34
Oakland 0 14 8 12-34
Knappa 14 20 6 8-48

First Quarter

Kna: Reuben Cruz 76 pass from Kaleb Miller (Cruz run) 10:44

Kna: K. Miller 2 run (run failed) 3:27

Second Quarter

Kna: K. Miller 8 run (Braedon Eit-agonde from K. Miller) 9:29

Oak: Dylan Baimbridge 34 int. return (run failed) 7:49

Kna: Cruz 72 pass from K. Miller (pass failed) 7:25

Kna: Mason Hoover 5 run (pass failed) 2:18

Oak: Andrew Harrington 6 run (Wil Powell run) :18

Third Quarter

Oak: Harrington 8 run (Harrington run) 8:06

Kna: K. Miller 85 run (pass failed) 6:06

Fourth Quarter

Oak: Harrington 6 run (run failed) 10:26

Oak: Harrington 13 run (pass failed) 7:53

Kna: Cruz 19 pass from K. Miller (Kanai Phillip from K. Miller) 1:05

Oakland Statistics

Rushing: Harrington 37-222, No. 8 14-74, Carson 2-6, Miller 1-1. **Passing:** Baimbridge 3-5-40-1, Harrington 2-10-17-2. **Receiving:** Freeman 3-46, Carson 1-10, Miller 1-1.

Knappa Statistics

Rushing: K. Miller 10-105, M. Hoover 16-68, Cruz 2-9. **Passing:** K. Miller 16-26-414-1. **Receiving:** Cruz 9-251, Phillip 4-83, Green 2-53, Mieth 1-14, Eit-agonde 1-13.

State Playoff Scores

Class 4A Quarterfinals

Cottage Grove 27, Gladstone 10
Mazama 50, Henley 10
Marshfield 24, La Grande 21
Ontario 53, Scappoose 39

Class 3A Quarterfinals

Scio 30, Coquille/Pacific 13
Cascade Chr. 46, Harrisburg 8
Rainier 40, Nyssa 6
Santiam Christian 50, Vale 6

Class 2A Quarterfinals

St. Paul 56, Heppner 0
Santiam 50, Grant Union 14
Knappa 48, Oakland 34
Monroe 41, Kennedy 35



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Reuben Acosta-Cruz is wrapped up after a run for the Knappa Loggers during Saturday's playoff victory against Oakland.

Loggers survive Oakers' comeback

By GARY HENLEY

The Daily Astorian

The Knappa Loggers are undefeated, their offense averages over 46 points per contest, they have the state's top-ranked defense, and 21 of their 22 starting positions are filled by all-league players — can anyone stop the Blue & Gold?

There are four teams still in the hunt for a Class 2A state football title, and that's a fair question that three of those teams may be asking.

Obviously, the answer is no at this point, since the Loggers are 10-0.

Knappa won another state playoff game Saturday at CMH Field, 48-34 over Oakland in a 2A quarterfinal.

And now it's on to the semifinals for the Loggers, for the fifth time in 10 years.

Knappa will face Monroe at 2 p.m. Saturday, at Central High School in Independence.

One way to beat the Loggers in the state playoffs — score something over 55 points, because that's what the No. 3-ranked Loggers are averaging in the post-season. Not a realistic goal, as Oakland found out Saturday.

The Oakers came close, rallying from a 34-6 deficit to within 40-34.

But Knappa's offensive machine was impossible to stop. Against the toughest competition they've seen, the Loggers still rolled up nearly 600 yards in total offense.

Quarterback Kaleb Miller threw for 414 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed for 105 yards and three scores. He has accounted for 840 yards offense and 11 touchdowns in the last two games.

The Loggers have scored 110 points in two weeks.

And Knappa receiver Reuben Cruz was like Mini-Mart in Saturday's game — open all night — as the Logger senior caught nine passes for 251 yards and three touchdowns.

Miller admitted he was a little tired after Saturday's shootout.

"Oh yeah. They're a very physical team,"



The Knappa Loggers defense makes a tackle during Saturday's playoff win against Oakland.

he said of the Oakers. "They're not an 11-seed football team. They're a top 10 team. They ran the ball pretty well — Andrew Harrington (37 carries, 222 yards) is pretty good."

For Miller, "it was all offensive line and receivers. I just got lucky."

Knappa coach Aaron Barendse said, "we came out and stuck to the game plan. The guys really bought in. We had to take (Harrington) out of the game, and we did a great job of it in the first half. We gave up a couple things in the second quarter to give them some cheap scores at the end."

Two back-to-back plays midway through the second quarter typified the entire night.

Trailing 22-0, Oakland's Dylan Baimbridge intercepted a pass and returned 34 yards for a touchdown, giving the Oakers a glimmer of hope.

But on the very next play from scrimmage, Miller found Cruz for a 72-yard score, pushing the lead back to 28-6.

And that would be the theme for the night — for every step the Oakers took, the Loggers took two. The game wasn't as close as the final score, as Knappa failed on four two-point conversions, a potential eight points.

The bottom line — Knappa's first half was

better than Oakland's second half.

On just the third play of the game, Cruz caught a 76-yard touchdown from Miller.

Cruz's final TD reception covered 19 yards, on a wing and a prayer.

Facing a third-and-long with 1:05 left in the game, Miller avoided a sack, got spun around and threw the ball all in one motion, and Cruz came down with the rainbow pass at the goal line to give Knappa a 14-point lead.

"I just threw up a prayer, and he answered it," Miller said.

Knappa held a seemingly safe 34-14 lead at the break.

But after Harrington scored on the Oakers' opening drive of the second half, the Logger lead was trimmed to 34-22, and they found themselves in another tight spot, backed up to their own 2-yard line with a second-and-19.

But Miller hit Kanai Phillip for a 28-yard gain and a first down, and after a holding penalty, Miller scrambled and ran 85 yards for a touchdown.

The previous play, "I was actually running to call a timeout because the clock was running down, then Kaleb got the snap, and it worked out," Barendse said. "He had a great game, and showed a lot of guts. These kids showed a lot of heart and never gave up, even though it wasn't going our way in the second half. We just had some young kids make key plays at key moments."

Freshman Devin Hoover had an interception, as did Mason Hoover and Phillip. Knappa recovered a fumble for a fourth takeaway.

The Logger offense racked up 596 yards in total offense — just a taste of what Monroe will have to stop in Saturday's semifinal.

"I feel pretty confident," Miller said. "We can score just as much as any team, so they'll have to stop us to have a chance."

Barendse added, "Reuben had some big runs, Mason was running the ball hard and our line was executing, so (the Oakers) really didn't have an answer for our offense right out of the gate, and our defense was doing a great job. I couldn't be prouder of our kids."

Three top-10 blowouts reshape playoff race

By RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

On a Saturday that reshaped the College Football Playoff race, three top-10 matchups produced three lopsided games that left Auburn, Miami and Oklahoma with well-defined paths to the final four.

Out: speculation about two SEC teams making the playoff. In: speculation about a two-loss team making the playoff.

Thoughts, takedowns and takeaways from Week 11 of the college football season.

1. The only thing missing from this Miami beat down of No. 3 Notre Dame was Jimmy Johnson on the Hurricanes' sideline calling for a blocked punt in the fourth quarter.

2. The seventh-ranked Hurricanes won some games early this season they probably should have lost, started believing they were good and now they actually are that good. Funny how teams evolve.

3. Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield passed for 333 yards against one of the best defenses in the country in TCU and now has four weeks to work



AP Photo/Brynn Anderson

Auburn defensive lineman Andrew Williams (79) celebrates with the team after a 40-17 win over Georgia in Saturday's game.

on that Heisman Trophy acceptance speech and avoid throwing away an award that's pretty much his to lose.

4. Can we take Auburn coach Gus Malzahn off the hot seat now or nah?

5. The question was: Can Georgia win if a defense forces freshman

Jake Fromm and the passing game to do the heavy lifting? Auburn was the first team to force the Bulldogs into that position and the answer was: absolutely not.

6. So forget about all that two SEC teams in the playoff stuff,

right? Not so fast. Georgia is locked into the conference championship game. If the Bulldogs were to beat an unbeaten Alabama in Atlanta, leaving both 12-1, that whole two-SEC-teams thing is still on the table. But Auburn didn't help.

7. The top-ranked Crimson Tide will take over that spot when the new playoff selection committee rankings come out Tuesday after escaping Mississippi State in Starkville to set up a winner-takes-the-SEC-West Iron Bowl in two weeks.

8. The next three? Miami, Clemson and Oklahoma in some order. Auburn, with two losses, is in the on-deck circle with Wisconsin.

9. The Badgers are 10-0 for the first time in school history, doing what Ohio State could not last week: shutting down Iowa, despite an offense that turned the ball over four times and handed the Hawkeyes 14 points.

10. Losses by Georgia and Notre Dame helped the Badgers, too. So a good day overall for Wisconsin, if you want to ignore that quarterback Alex Hornibrook has now thrown 12 interceptions, 11 in seven Big Ten games.