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Oregon running back Royce Freeman

Oregon RB Freeman won't play in the Las Vegas Bowl

LAS VEGAS — Oregon senior running back Royce Freeman won't play in the Las Vegas Bowl against Boise State on Saturday.

New Oregon coach Mario Cristobal announced the decision Thursday.

Oregon's all-time leading rusher had practiced earlier this week in Las Vegas, leading to speculation he may play.

"This is hard for him. This is not an easy decision for a guy who's invested his heart and soul in this program," Cristobal said.

The Ducks coach did not say whether fellow senior Tyrell Crosby would play.

Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey and LSU running back Leonard Fournette both sat out bowl games to avoid injury as they prepared for the NFL draft.

Freeman, who could be taken in the early rounds of the 2018 draft, set the Pac-12 record with 60 career rushing touchdowns, surpassing Oregon State's Ken Simonton, who ran for 59 from 1998-01.

He holds Oregon career records for rushing yards (5,621), rushing touchdowns (60), total touchdowns (64) and 100-yard rushing games (31).

—Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Seaside Holiday Classic

3:30-Astoria vs. Newport
 6:45-Elma vs. Seaside

Boys

11 am-Astoria vs. Sisters
 8:45-Cottage Grove vs. Seaside

SATURDAY

Girls basketball — Western Menonite at Knappa, 2:30 p.m.

Boys basketball — Western Menonite at Knappa, 4:15 p.m.; Naselle at Winlock, 6 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 51, Crook County 33
 C.County 7 13 4 9—33
 Seaside 11 12 17 11—51

CC (33): Teagan Freeman 11, Connolly 6, Hutchins 5, Barker 4, Kasberger 3, Mode 2, Tramel-Green 2.

SEA (51): Annaka Garhofer 17, Ideue 15, Babbitt 8, Smart 6, Hoekstre 3, Zagata 2.

Clatskanie 56, Warrenton 52
 Clatskanie 16 11 14 15—56
 Warrenton 20 10 9 13—52

CLA (56): Shelby Blodgett 26, Sprague 14, Warren 10, Smith 3, Simmons 3.

WAR (52): Claire Bussert 22, Little 14, M.Blodgett 7, Alvarez 5, Ramsey 3, Diego 1, Heyen.

Vernonia 34, Knappa 23
 Vernonia 10 9 9 6—34
 Knappa 0 8 4 11—23

VER (34): Joyce Everett 13, Walters 10, Ely 6, Barklow 4, Hartman 1.

KNA (23): Paris Vanderburg 7, Tischer 5, Carlson 4, Marchello 4, Strain 2, Weaver 1, Ramvick, Inman.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Montesano 55, Astoria 37
 Montesano 9 17 17 12—55
 Astoria 6 16 6 9—37

MON (55): Sam Winter 17, Tre.Ridgway 10, Nicklas 6, Valley 5, Dierkop 5, Bates 5, Albert 2, Farmer 2, Tra.Ridgway 2, Iverson 1.

AST (37): Josh Olson 11, Hunt 10, Stenblom 6, K.Johnson 5, Long 2, Tice 2, Brockman 1, Kee, Matlock, P.Johnson.

Seaside 100, Madras 70
 Madras 24 11 16 19—70
 Seaside 27 15 33 25—100

MAD (70): Dapri Miller 18, Herkshan 12, Patt 11, Lockey 11, Bagley 9, Joe 7, White 2.

SEA (100): Brayden Johnson 20, Westerholm 13, Thompson 13, Carter 12, Landwehr 10, Januik 8, Be.Johnson 8, Hague 7, Sibony 5, Meyer 4, Ritterby, Boyd.

Knappa 69, Vernonia 48
 Vernonia 13 15 11 9—48
 Knappa 16 21 13 19—69

VER (48): Clay Sullivan 23, Handegard 11, Harral 5, K.Sullivan 4, Everett 3, Vazquez 2.

KNA (69): Dale Takalo 30, Weirup 17, Engblom 10, E.Takalo 8, Ramvick 4, Elt-agonde.

HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS ROUNDUP



Seaside's Chase Januik rises for a shot in Thursday's victory.

Photos by Jeff Ter Har/For The Daily Astorian

Seaside boys score 100 in home win over Madras

By GARY HENLEY
 The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Can anyone stop the defending state champion Seaside Seagulls? Through two weeks of the 2017-18 season, it's looking highly unlikely.

Not on the Gulls' home floor, anyway, where they are as good as gold.

Seaside won its 19th straight at home late Thursday night, scoring a 100-70 victory over Madras to cap Day 1 of the Seaside Holiday Classic.

Seaside had 10 players in the scoring column and five in double figures, reaching 100 points for the first time this season — something not even last year's state championship team could do.

"It's been a while" since a Seaside team hit triple figures, said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, whose team improves to 5-0 overall, the best record at the 4A level.

The Gulls will be the favorites to collect their third straight Classic championship this weekend, then will have six more nonleague games before starting league play.

Madras — which entered the game with an 0-3 record — was within 38-35 late in the first half.

Teams can stay with the Gulls through one half, but not three quarters.

Seaside fell into an offensive rhythm in the third period, when Brayden Johnson scored 13 of his 20 points, and the Gulls led 75-51 following a 33-point quarter.

Astor Landwehr caught fire in the fourth to finish with 10 points, and the Gulls made a mad scramble to reach 100.

Scores in the closing minutes by Payton Westerholm and Colton Carter put the Gulls at 98, and Madras helped Seaside's cause by fouling in the final seconds, with Rafi Sibony and Johnson each making a free throw for 100 points.

Seaside scored 97 in a win over Elma last year, and 97 vs. Taft in 2004-05.

"We have (scored 100) a couple times, but not sure of the year," Westerholm said. "It was nice to see different kids step up, which will benefit us in the long run."

After Johnson's 20, Duncan Thompson and Westerholm each scored 13 points, Carter finished with 12, and Landwehr chipped in 10.

Montesano holds off Astoria, 55-37

SEASIDE — A few too many second-chance opportunities gave Montesano too many chances to win Thursday morning, in the first game of the Seaside Holiday Classic.

The Bulldogs took advantage of numerous offensive rebounds to score a 55-37 win over Astoria.

Montesano threatened to pull away in the second quarter, leading 24-15 midway through the period.

But Astoria managed to stay close, closing the first half with a 6-0 run to trim Montesano's lead to 26-22.



Payton Westerholm scores two of Seaside's 100 points.

The Bulldogs had many second-chance shots, but still finished the first half 11-of-39 from the field, 1-of-14 from the 3-point line.

Three straight baskets to start the second half gave Montesano a 33-22 lead, and the 'Dogs led 43-38 by the end of the third quarter.

Josh Olson scored 11 points to lead Astoria, followed by Ian Hunt with 10. Sophomore Sam Winter led Montesano with 17 points.

Knappa beats Vernonia in Logger clash

KNAPPA — Dale Takalo had another 30-point game, Colton Weirup added 17, and the Knappa Loggers scored a 69-48 win Thursday night over Vernonia in a Northwest League boys basketball Logger Showdown.

Weirup made five 3-pointers, and the sixth-ranked Loggers were 11-for-11 from the free throw line, as they improve to 5-2 overall, tied with Columbia Christian and Neah-Kah-Nie at 2-0 atop the league standings.

Timber Engblom added 10 points for Knappa, which hosts Western Menonite on Saturday.

Clatskanie wins at Warrenton

WARRENTON — Warrenton was within 10 points late in the game, but Clatskanie was able to hold off the Warriors for a 59-45 win Thursday in a Lewis & Clark League boys basketball game.

No other details were available.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside bounces back with win over Crook County

SEASIDE — Following a 29-point loss at Yamhill-Carlton two days earlier, the Seaside girls basketball team returned to the win column Thursday with a 51-33 victory over Crook

County on Day 1 of the Gulls' Holiday Classic.

The first half began with three straight baskets by Seaside's Jetta Ideue, and the half ended with a three-point play by Ideue that gave the Gulls a 23-20 halftime lead.

In between, Seaside's Annaka Garhofer and Bryre Babbitt both hit 3-point shots, matched by a pair of 3-pointers by Crook County's Teagan Freeman, who had 11 points off the bench in the first half.

The Cowgirls took a brief 24-23 lead in the opening minute of the third quarter, but Seaside answered with a decisive 17-0 run to secure the win.

Garhofer highlighted the rally with back-to-back 3-pointers, and a layup followed by another score off a steal by Ideue.

Garhofer scored 17 points to lead all players, with Ideue adding 15.

"We'll take a win," said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. "Jetta (Ideue)'s defense turned this game around in the third quarter, and her scoring along with Annaka."

Vernonia tops Knappa

KNAPPA — Vernonia led 10-0 after one quarter, on its way to a 34-23 win Thursday at Knappa in Northwest League girls basketball action.

Joyce Everett scored 13 points and Jordan Walters had 10 for Vernonia, while Paris Vanderburg led Knappa with seven points, six rebounds and four steals. Sophie Carlson had five boards and four steals, and Sydney Marchello finished with eight rebounds and three steals for Knappa, which hosts Western Menonite on Saturday.

Clatskanie wins thriller at Warrenton, 56-52

WARRENTON — "A great high school basketball game," is how Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl described Thursday's matchup between his Warriors and the Clatskanie Tigers in a key Lewis & Clark League girls basketball showdown.

The Tigers just had a little more left at the end to hold off Warrenton, 56-52.

"We battled, hard," Hoepfl said of his team. "We've played maybe the top two teams in the league so far, and we've played well in both. We had the shots we wanted tonight — they just didn't fall."

Warrenton held an early 10-point lead, and led 30-27 at halftime. A 14-9 run by the Tigers gave Clatskanie a 41-39 lead entering the final quarter.

The Tigers maintained their lead through the fourth, and made clutch free throws in the closing seconds, after a Warrenton score with 10 seconds left cut the Tiger lead to 54-52.

Claire Bussert scored a career-high 22 points for the Warriors, followed by Tyla Little with 14.

Freshman Shelby Blodgett paced Clatskanie with 26 points, freshman Olivia Sprague added 14, and Olivia Warren scored 10 for the Tigers, 3-1 overall. Warrenton falls to 4-2.