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Terry Boss
named coach at
Oregon State

CORVALLIS — Oregon native Terry Boss, who has been an assistant at Virginia for the past four seasons, has been named head coach at Oregon State.

A former goalkeeper, Boss played mostly in the USL but spent his last three seasons with the Seattle Sounders before retiring in 2012. He was 6-2-1 as a backup to Sounders starter Kasey Keller.

He helped guide the Cavaliers to the NCAA Tournament in each of the last four seasons, including in 2014 when the team won the NCAA title. Before that, he was an assistant at Oregon State in 2013.

Boss, who is from Philomath, Oregon, called the opportunity with the Beavers a dream come true.

"This is the community I love and a program that has always been near and dear to my heart," he said.

Lewerke,
Spartans roll past
Cougars 42-17 in
Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO — Michigan State put a nice, big exclamation mark on its turnaround season.

Brian Lewerke threw for 213 yards and three touchdowns, and LJ Scott ran for 110 yards and two scores for No. 18 Michigan State, which took advantage of Luke Falk's absence to rout No. 21 Washington State 42-17 in the Holiday Bowl on Thursday night.

Lewerke also rushed for 73 yards for Michigan State (10-3), which rebounded from a dismal 3-9 record last year to reach double digits in wins for the eighth time in program history.

"We were ready to play. We were fresh," said Mark Dantonio, who earned his 100th victory in 11 seasons as Spartans coach. "It wasn't good enough to win nine games. We needed to win 10. We needed to have a great bowl game. This was a national stage. Holiday Bowl is an outstanding bowl. It's catapulted us up the rankings at least a little bit further."

"We reaffirmed our stature a little bit in college football. This has been a good football team and should continue to be a good football team."

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Boys basketball: (Dulcich Tournament, at Astoria HS) Redmond vs. Astoria, 9:30 a.m.; Battle Ground vs. Astoria, 8 p.m.

Astoria 51, Redmond 23
Redmond 8 1 6 8-23
Astoria 5 18 15 13-51
RED (23): Ellie Corwin 13, Kitchin 4, Gibson 3, Heikkila 2, Capps 1.
AST (51): Sam Hemsley 15, Fausett 10, Norris 8, Hankwitz 6, O'Brien 6, Rogers 4, Helmersen 2, Cummings, Feldman, Burnett, Pritchard, Long.

Ilwaco 70, King's 53
King's 14 10 15 13-53
Ilwaco 14 25 13 18-70
ILW (70): Makenzie Kaech 27, Bannister 23, Sheldon 9, Jacobson 9, Glenn 2, Thomas, Kemmer.

Naselle 45, Pe Ell 18
Naselle 9 12 15 9-45
Pe Ell 0 8 4 6-18
NAS (45): Lilli Zimmerman 18, Glenn 9, Harman 6, Jacot 4, Steenerson 4, Gudmundsen 4, Haataia.
PE (18): Mason 13, Little 2, Justice 1, Davis 1, Ward 1.

Willapa Valley 58, Naselle 45
Naselle 18 6 15 6-45
W.Valley 12 23 19 4-58
NAS (45): Antonio Nolan 18, Eaton 13, Dorman 8, Glenn 3, Edwards 3, Fontanilla, Lindstrom, Lopez.
WV (58): Logan Walker 20, Ashley 14, Pearson 14, Hamilton 7, Roonsburg 2, Fletmetis 1.



Hailey O'Brien lays the ball in for the Lady Fishermen against Redmond.

Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Big 35-1 run lifts Astoria
girls past Redmond, 51-23

The Daily Astorian

The Astoria girls basketball team turned an early 8-0 deficit into a 35-9 lead midway through the third quarter Thursday night, and the Lady Fishermen cruised to an easy 51-23 win over Redmond at the Brick House.

Astoria's victory capped Day 2 of the 49th annual Vince Dulcich Memorial Tournament, which continues today and Saturday at Astoria High School.

Astoria's 35-1 run during Thursday's game also helped the Fishermen rebound from a tough loss the night before, in which Astoria let a 14-point halftime lead slip away in a 54-52 loss to Clatskanie.

Thursday's game was much less dramatic for the Lady Fish, as Astoria's swarming defense resulted in 29 Redmond turnovers, and the outmatched Panthers were outscored 33-7 over the second and third quarters.

Sam Hemsley scored Astoria's first eight points to tie the game at 8-8 in the opening seconds of the second quarter, and Julia Norris banked in a 3-pointer for the lead.

Astoria opened the third period with a 12-0 run. Hemsley led the Fishermen with 15 points, followed by Kelsey Fausett with 10. Redmond finished 6-for-34 from the field.

Astoria finished 1-1 in pool play, and will await Friday's results to determine Saturday's opponent.

Kaech scores 27,
Ilwaco girls defeat King's

LYNDEN, Wash. — One night after losing to Lynden, the Ilwaco girls basketball team bounced back with a 70-53 win over King's, on the second day of the Cloud 9 Christmas Classic.

Makenzie Kaech scored 27 points and Eliza Ban-

nister added 23 for the Fishermen, who broke open a close game by outscoring King's 25-10 in the second quarter.

Naselle Comets
shoot past Pe Ell girls

PE ELL, Wash. — Naselle's Lilli Zimmerman scored 18 points, matching the game total for Pe Ell Thursday night, in a 45-18 win for the Comets.

Naselle led 9-0 after one quarter, and outscored Pe Ell 27-12 over the next two quarters.

Warrenton girls pound
Taft in 76-21 victory

LINCOLN CITY — The Warrenton girls basketball team returned to action Thursday in the Kiwanis Holiday Tournament, which continues through Saturday in Lincoln City.

The Warriors opened with a 76-21 win over Taft, as Warrenton built a 42-11 halftime lead, and finished the night by outscoring the Tigers 19-2 in the final quarter.

Warrenton improves to 6-3 overall, while Taft (0-8) remains winless.

In boys' action, Taft defeated Warrenton, 41-35.

Willapa Valley edges
Naselle boys, 58-45

NASELLE, Wash. — Naselle's Antonio Nolan and Jacob Eaton combined for 31 points, but Willapa Valley scored the upset with a 58-45 win Thursday night over the Comets.

Naselle led 18-12 after the first period, before a 23-6 run by Willapa Valley sparked the Vikings to the win in the Jack Q. Pearson Holiday Tournament.

Wilson hopes win over Cardinals gets Seahawks to playoffs

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Russell Wilson has never carried this much of the load for the Seattle Seahawks to be successful.

They have been stretches in previous seasons where Wilson is the reason Seattle would have offensive success.

But it's never lasted for an entire season such as this where Wilson is the primary offensive reason why Seattle has playoff hopes going into the regular-season finale against Arizona.

Seattle (9-6) needs a victory and an Atlanta loss to extend its playoff streak to six straight years. The Cardinals (7-8) would like to see the Seahawks joining them in cleaning out their lockers come Monday.

"This season there has been a lot to it and guys have been mak-



AP Photo/John Hefti

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson throws against the San Francisco 49ers during a Nov. 26 game in Santa Clara, Calif.

ing a lot of great plays and doing a lot of special things," Wilson said. "That's not me, that's the other guys

making plays."

Wilson's season is not easy to define. He's been among the best in certain games, yet has forgettable mistakes no quarterback with his experience should make.

He will join the rare fraternity of quarterbacks leading their team in rushing for a season, yet is second in the NFL with 32 touchdown passes, including a league-record 18 in the fourth quarter.

Seattle has scored 36 offensive touchdowns this season — Wilson is responsible for 35 of those running or passing. The Seahawks have just one rushing TD — J.D. McKissic — by someone other than Wilson.

Of Seattle's total offensive yards this season, Wilson is responsible for 81.6 percent of those.

That doesn't mean he's always played well. The past three weeks are a perfect example when Wilson

went from being in the MVP conversation to some of his more forgettable performances.

Last week against Dallas, Wilson threw two touchdowns and didn't commit a turnover, but was hesitant with his throws, finished with just 93 yards passing and Seattle's offense lagged.

Wilson knows he must be better this week against an opponent that's caused Seattle issues in the past and has been playing spectacular defense for the past two months.

The Cardinals are allowing just 268 yards per game since Week 10 and are coming off their first shutout in 25 years.

"I think the guys started playing together longer," Arizona coach Bruce Arians said. "Every year, you bring in some new guys and this time, it took us a little bit longer to get going."

Napier's
23 rally
Blazers
past 76ers

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Shabazz Napier was struggling so much against the Philadelphia 76ers that Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts sat him early in the third quarter.

Good thing for Portland that Napier returned in time for the fourth.

Napier, who started for injured guard Damian Lillard, scored 15 of his season-high 23 points in the fourth quarter and the Trail Blazers rallied for 114-110 victory Thursday night.

"The good thing about basketball is they say you've got the next game, but you always have two halves," Napier said. "I felt like I was kind of lethargic out there in the first half and I felt like basically it can't get any worse, so I just went out there and tried to be positive."

CJ McCollum led all scorers with 34 for the Blazers, who snapped a six-game losing streak at home. Portland had a season-high 42 points in the fourth quarter.

The Sixers, who led by as many as 18 points in the third quarter, have lost 10 of their last 12 games.

Joel Embiid finished with 29 points and nine rebounds, while Dario Saric had 25 points and nine rebounds. The 76ers were hurt when Robert Covington went out in the third quarter with an injured finger on his left hand.

"It's a disappointing loss. We had an opportunity without Damian being here. I give them credit. They did not roll over," 76ers coach Brett Brown said. "We gave up 18 points when Covington went out. We really missed him, but we give them credit."

JJ Redick and Embiid made consecutive 3-pointers to narrow the gap to 103-99 with 2:06 left. Jusuf Nurkic had a pair of free throws before McCollum's pull-up jumper and it appeared the game was out of reach, but Embiid made another 3 that got the Sixers within 109-105 with 16 seconds left.

McCollum made free throws with 3.4 seconds to go before Embiid added another 3-pointer to make it 111-108, but the Sixers weren't able to catch up.

Nurkic finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds, and Portland won its fourth straight against the Sixers at the Moda Center. Napier scored 22 points after halftime.

Lillard missed his third game with a strained right hamstring. Portland's top scorer, averaging 25.2 points per game, was injured in a 102-85 loss to San Antonio on Dec. 20.

Lillard warmed up a couple of hours before the game and didn't appear hampered by the injury.

On the other side, Embiid was questionable for the game with back tightness, but played. The 76ers were coming off a 105-98 victory over the Knicks at Madison Square Garden on Christmas that snapped a five-game losing streak.