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Rodgers named  
to Smith's staff  
at Oregon State

CORVALLIS — Former Oregon State receiver James Rodgers is returning to the Beavers as director of player development under new coach Jonathan Smith.

Rodgers played for the Beavers from 2007-11, setting the school record with 6,373 all-purpose yards. He caught 222 passes, good for third on the school's career list. He had 19 TD receptions and nine rushing touchdowns.

After Oregon State, Rodgers was with the Atlanta Falcons for two seasons, spending time on the team's practice squad. He also played for the CFL's Montreal Alouettes for two seasons.

Smith announced the move on Tuesday.

Last year Rodgers was director of player development under coach Mike Riley at Nebraska. Riley, a former head coach of the Beavers, has since joined Smith's staff in Corvallis.

Chiefs agree  
to trade Smith  
to Redskins

WASHINGTON — Kansas City has agreed to trade quarterback Alex Smith to Washington, a move that spells the end of Kirk Cousins' time with the Redskins and hands the Chiefs' job to Patrick Mahomes.

Two people with direct knowledge of the deal confirmed the move to The Associated Press on Tuesday night on condition of anonymity because the transaction can't be completed until the start of the new league year in March. One person told the AP the Redskins had agreed to a four-year extension with Smith, who had one year left on his contract.

Smith, who turns 34 in May, spent the past five seasons with the Chiefs, leading them to the playoffs four times.

— Associated Press

## SCOREBOARD

## PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

## TODAY

**Boys basketball** — Astoria at Scappoose, 6 p.m.; Naselle at Willapa Valley, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls basketball** — Astoria at Scappoose, 7:45 p.m.; Naselle at Willapa Valley, 6:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY

**Girls basketball** — Knappa at Faith Bible, 6 p.m.; Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys basketball** — Knappa at Faith Bible, 7:45 p.m.; Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 7 p.m.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Banks 60, Seaside 33**

**Seaside** 5 6 5 17—33  
**Banks** 12 10 13 25—60

**SEA (33):** Payton Westerholm 14, Thompson 12, Hague 5, Landwehr 1, Carter 1.

**BAN (60):** Dalton Renne 30, Gobel 11, Bunn 4, Streblov 3, Markham 3, Vandehy 2, Cameron 2, Geraci 2, Martinez-Lutali 1, Hiestand 1.

**Knappa 80, City Christian 56**

**City Chr.** 18 10 9 19—56  
**Knappa** 20 31 14 15—80

**CC (56):** Ytbarek Solomon 15, Mbelu 13, Marquex 11, Hoff 8, Hannam 4, Faria 3, Matfey 2.

**KNA (80):** Dale Takalo 28, E. Takalo 16, Weirup 9, Englbom 9, Hoover 6, Stuhr 4, Ramwick 3, Vanderburg 3, Eltagonde 2.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Banks 53, Seaside 18**

**Seaside** 1 13 1 3—18  
**Banks** 12 9 18 14—53

**SEA (18):** Annaka Garhofer 9, Kiser 3, Babbitt 2, Davis 2, Hoekstre 1, Smart 1.

**BAN (53):** Aspen Slifka 30, Wren 11, Kind 3, Maller 3, Nelson 2, Merritt 2, Narvaez 2.

**Warrenton 39, OES 37**

**Warrenton** 12 6 8 13—39  
**OR Episcopal** 5 9 12 11—37

**WAR (39):** Fernanda Alvarez 13, Bussert 12, Little 12, Heyen 2, Kapua, Ramsey, DeJesus, Diego.

**OES (37):** Grace Borbon 15, Han 6, Daley 6, Ruoff 5, Aaron 4, Holzman 1.

**City Christian 57, Knappa 37**

**City Chr.** 18 14 12 13—57  
**Knappa** 14 12 2 9—37

**CC (57):** Nezhiah Castillo 19, Owen 13, Ishibashi 12, Lasater 5, Cruz Rodriguez 4, Knox 2, Faria 2.

**KNA (37):** Aiko Miller 11, Vanderburg 10, Carlson 6, Hendrickson 4, Ramwick 4, Corcoran 2, Taggart 2, Rilatoss, Nicholson.

## HOOPS ROUNDUP



Jeff Ter Har/For The Daily Astorian

Seaside's Duncan Thompson goes up for a jump shot between a pair of Banks defenders.

NO. 1 BANKS TOPPLES  
NO. 2 SEASIDE BOYS

The Daily Astorian

**BANKS** — The No. 1-ranked Banks Braves and the No. 2-ranked Seaside Gulls played the first of a three-game series Tuesday night.

Game 2 will be Feb. 15 at Seaside. Unless the two teams play a league playoff tie-breaker, the third game could take place March 10 in Forest Grove. And that one would be for a state championship, between the top two teams in Class 4A boys basketball.

In the meantime, Round 1 goes to Banks, which posted a 60-33 win over the Gulls.

With their win, the Braves hold down the No. 1 spot in the OSAA rankings, improving to 19-0, with their 21st straight win going back to last season.

The Gulls trailed 22-11 at halftime, and there was to be no rally on this night, as the Braves were tough on both ends of the court.

Defensively, Banks held Seaside to its lowest point total since a 42-33 loss at Astoria, Feb. 17, 2015. Offensively, Braves' 6-foot-6 senior Dalton Renne led all scorers with 30 points, 15 in each half.

Renne's biggest basket may have been a 3-pointer to close out the first half. He had just three points in the third quarter, then sparked the Braves' 25-point fourth quarter with 12. Teammates Zach Streblov, Blake Gobel and Blake Markham all added 3-pointers in the final period.

Seaside was again without leading scorer Chase Januik, as Payton Westerholm (14 points) and Duncan Thompson (12 points) took over the scoring load.

Slifka leads Banks  
past Seaside girls

**BANKS** — A 13-2 run to close out the first half was the lone highlight of the night for the Seaside girls basketball team, which had the tough task of facing No. 3-ranked Banks on the road.

The Lady Braves jumped out to a 19-1 lead, which was trimmed to 21-14 at halftime.

But Banks had too many weapons for the Gulls to handle, as the Braves pulled away in the second half for a 53-18 win. The main weapon was the Cowapa League's Player of the Year candidate, Aspen Slifka.

Four nights after scoring 23 in a win at Astoria, Slifka erupted for 30 points in Tuesday's victory.

And the Braves followed up their 19-1 run in the first half with an 18-1 run in the third quarter, on their way to their 17th win of the season, with just one loss. Seaside falls to 5-13 overall, 2-3 in league.

The Gulls staged a monster rally in the second quarter, highlighted by a three 3-pointers from Annaka Garhofer, with additional baskets by Bryre Babbitt and Emy Kiser bringing the Gulls to within 21-14 at halftime.

Warrenton girls  
squeak past OES

**PORTLAND** — Warrenton managed to escape Portland with a hard-earned victory, 39-37 over Oregon Episcopal, in a Lewis & Clark League girls basketball game Tuesday night.

"That's a tough place to play, and their record is not indicative of what kind of team they have," Warrenton coach Robert Hoepfl said of OES, which falls to 4-10 in league play. "They've had a lot of close losses, and they only lost by six (36-30) here against Rainier. They've got some good players, and they're super well-coached."

Meanwhile, the Warriors are alone in third place at 9-4, with three games remaining. De La Salle is one game behind Warrenton, but the Knights still must play Clatskanie before finishing with a game at Warrenton.

The game was tied 26-26 after three quarters, and the Aardvarks scored the first four points for the fourth period.

The Warriors answered with back-to-back 3-pointers from Tyla Little. A jumper by Claire Bussert and free throws from Fernanda Alvarez and Maria Heyen secured the win.

Alvarez led the Warriors with 13 points, followed by Bussert and Little with 12 apiece.

In the boys' game, Oregon Episcopal posted a 56-39 win over the Warriors.

Knappa boys  
cage the Lions

**KNAPPA** — City Christian stayed with Knappa for one quarter Tuesday night, but that was

all, as the Loggers pulled away for another blowout victory at home, 80-56, over the Lions in a Northwest League boys basketball game.

"We were kind of walking through mud in the first quarter," which ended with Knappa leading 20-18, said Knappa coach Chris Spencer. "We were a little lackadaisical on defense, but then we got it going in the second quarter (31 points), led by Dale and Eli (Takalo). It wasn't an A-plus game for us, but hats off to City."

Dale Takalo finished with 28 points, followed by Eli with 16. Colton Weirup and Timber Englbom both had nine points, and the Loggers had big help off the bench with points from Devin Hoover (two 3-pointers) and Cody Stuhr.

Ytbarek Solomon and Chuck Mbelu combined to score 28 points for City Christian.

Knappa has won eight in a row, scoring 80-plus points in four of those games. The Loggers play Thursday at Faith Bible.

City Christian  
defeats Knappa

**KNAPPA** — A rough third quarter Tuesday night ended up costing the Knappa girls basketball team, which lost a 57-37 decision to City Christian in a Northwest League contest at Knappa.

The Loggers trailed 32-26 at halftime, before the Lions went on a 12-2 run in the third period.

Aiko Miller led the Lady Loggers with 11 points, 14 rebounds and three steals. Paris Vanderburg chipped in 10 points, five assists, three steals and two blocks, while Sophia Carlson finished with six points and four rebounds.

Perrydale teams  
sweep past Jewell

**PERRYDALE** — The Jewell basketball teams were swept in a doubleheader at Perrydale in Class 1A Casco League action Tuesday.

Perrydale opened the night with a 48-24 win over the Lady Jays in the girls' game, which keeps the Pirates in first place in the league standings at 11-0. Jewell falls to 8-3.

In the boys' game, Perrydale defeated Jewell 72-32.

Trail  
Blazers  
defeat  
Clippers

By BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Damian Lillard knew better than to underestimate the Los Angeles Clippers without newly traded star Blake Griffin.

Sure enough, the Clippers made a run in the fourth quarter but the Portland Trail Blazers won 104-96 on Tuesday night.

"Your mind could be trapped into thinking you don't think they have it," said Lillard, who scored 28 points.

CJ McCollum added 16 points and Jusuf Nurkic had 14 points and 18 rebounds for the Blazers, who ended a seven-game skid against the Clippers while winning their third in a row.

Portland shot just 37 percent from the floor, but rode a big third quarter to its third straight win.

"The third quarter was great," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "At both ends of the floor we moved the ball. The offense was efficient. Defensively we were on point. The third quarter was the best part of the game."

The Blazers shot 47 percent in the third, when they outscored the Clippers 30-16 led by Lillard's 10 points.

Griffin was dealt to Detroit in a stunning move on Monday, leaving Los Angeles where he had played his entire career.

"It was definitely tough to see him go," said DeAndre Jordan, who had 18 rebounds for the Clippers.

Lou Williams scored 20 points off the bench for the Clippers, who made a run in the fourth after they trailed by 20.

Montrezl Harrell scored 11 of his 15 points early in the period and then Los Angeles scored 10 straight points to get to 100-94.

Harden has  
first 60-point  
triple-double  
ever in NBA

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — James Harden knew he'd have to do a little more on Tuesday night with the Houston Rockets missing key players.

Even he couldn't have imagined he'd do this much.

Harden became the first player in NBA history to score 60 points as part of a triple-double and the short-handed Rockets beat the Orlando Magic 114-107.

"I just gave it all I had tonight," Harden said. "We all did. We all fought for 48 minutes, we got key stops when we needed to and we made big shots."

Harden scored 18 points in the fourth quarter to eclipse the 57 points Calvin Murphy scored in 1978 to break Houston's single-game scoring record. After Harden broke the record, cameras in the arena showed a shot of Murphy, who works on the television broadcast team, smiling and clapping for the Beard, who also had 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

The game was tied at 107 after a basket by Marreese Speights with just under four minutes to play. Neither team scored for more than two minutes after that before Harden took over, scoring the next six points to make it 113-107 with 45 seconds left.

He set the scoring mark when he stepped back and made a 3-pointer before crashing to the court after being fouled by Mario Hezonja. He then made the free throw to give him 60 points and bringing the crowd to its feet.

"Amazing (and) topped it off with a four-point play at the end," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "But we had to have every minute from him."