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PREPS IN BRIEF

Knappa closes out regular season with win

The Daily Astorian

ALOHA — Knappa’s Dale Takalo scored 29 points and Colton Weirup added 20, helping the Loggers close out the regular season Thursday night with an easy 73-48 win at Life Christian.

Knappa finishes 17-1 in league play, 22-3 overall. Life Christian was 3-2 after five games, but the Lions lost their next 13 to finish 3-15 overall.

Timber Engblom and Eli Takalo finished with 10 points each for the Loggers, who open the playoffs next week, time and place to be announced.

Naselle advances in 1B playoff

The Daily Astorian

NASELLE, Wash. — The Naselle girls basketball team is one win away from advancing to the Washington 1B state playoffs, following a 58-32 win over Lake Quinalt in South-west 1B tournament action Wednesday.

Lilli Zimmerman scored 16 points to lead the Comets, who will play Taholah at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Ilwaco for a winner-to-state, loser-out district semifinal.

Jackie Steenerson scored 11 points and Kenzie Glenn added 10 for Naselle, which improves to 11-10 overall.

Toutle Lake tops Ilwaco

The Daily Astorian

CHEHALIS, Wash. — Toutle Lake, the No. 5 seed in the Pacific 2B League boys basketball tournament, topped No. 4 seed Ilwaco, 65-61, Wednesday at W.F. West High School in Chehalis, Wash.

The Fishermen had four players in double figures and held a 33-32 halftime lead, but Toutle Lake outscored Ilwaco 33-28 in the second half.

Daniel Whiting scored 17 points and teammate Alex Kaino added 15 for Ilwaco. Reese Tynkila tossed in 13 points and Calvin Baze finished with 10 for Ilwaco, which falls to 12-9 overall.

Cam Swanson and Nate Hoff scored 17 points apiece for the Ducks, who advance to play No. 1 seed Toledo. Ilwaco plays either Winlock or Adna in a consolation round game Monday, time and place to be announced.

Seven of the nine schools in the Pacific 2B League are taking part in the district tournament.

Brown scores 21, Oregon stifles Washington

Associated Press

EUGENE — Dana Altman is still waiting for his real Oregon team to stand up.

A 60-point swing in outcomes over the past two games left the Ducks’ coach at a loss as to their identity.

Troy Brown Jr. scored 21 points and Kenny Wooten had 12 points and seven blocks to lead Oregon past Washington 65-40 on Thursday night.

Five days earlier, the Ducks were blown out by 35 points at Stanford, the worst loss in Altman’s eight seasons at Oregon.

“That’s our challenge,” Altman said. “Who are we? That was just a different team than the one that played (Stanford).”

“Now, are we the team that played Saturday or the team that played tonight?”

UP NEXT: DUCKS

• Washington State (9-14, 1-10) at Oregon Ducks (16-8, 6-5)

• Sunday, 5 p.m. **TV:** ESPNU

SPORTS

NBA TRADE DEADLINE

TURNOVER



Cavs overhaul roster with stunning trades

By TOM WITHERS | Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With their NBA title hopes fading fast, the Cavaliers got aggressive at the trading deadline.

They swapped teams.

Cleveland completely changed its look — and perhaps its chances of winning a championship this season — on Thursday with a stunning sequence of deals. General manager Koby Altman traded six players, including Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose, and two future draft picks in moves designed to not only help them in the short term but could potentially help keep LeBron James beyond this season.

Just like that, the Cavs traded nearly half their roster, got substantially younger and more athletic and wedged themselves back into contention to make a fourth straight Finals appearance against Golden State.

Following a long day that left him “numb,” Altman said his main objective in making the deals was to alter the chemistry of a team that was no longer playing with joy.

“We were really worried that what was going on the floor and sort of our culture in the building that we were marching a slow death and we didn’t want to be a part of that,” he said on a conference call. “So with the window we have with LeBron and with this team, we figured it was time to do something to re-energize the group but also to have sustainability going into the future.”

Watching from the West Coast, the defending champions took notice.

“It’s interesting, really interesting,” Warriors forward Draymond Green said of Cleveland’s drastic midseason renovation. “It’s probably obviously something that they felt was needed. I feel like they made some good moves. I don’t know, we’ll see. A lot of action. That’s a completely different team now than the team we faced the last three years.”

“They’ve still got LeBron James. I think everything else at that point is irrelevant.”

The Cavs began their shocking overhaul by sending the disappointing Thomas along with forward Channing Frye and one of their two first-round picks to the Los Angeles Lakers for point guard Jordan Clarkson and forward Larry Nance Jr.

Thomas, who came over in last summer’s blockbuster trade with Boston for Kyrie Irving, played in just 15 games and wasn’t fitting in with Cleveland on or off the floor after he returned from a hip injury.

As the Thomas swap was being digested around the league, the Cavs completed a three-team deal with Utah and Sacramento. The Cavs sent Rose, who has also been slowed by injury, and forward Jae Crowder to the Jazz for forward Rodney Hood, a 25-year-old averaging a career-high 16.8 points.

Cleveland is also getting steady veteran guard George Hill from the Kings in exchange for guard Iman Shumpert.

Trail Blazers hold off Hornets in overtime

Jusuf Nurkic had 24 points and 14 rebounds, and Portland returned home with a 109-103 overtime victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Thursday for their ninth straight win at the Moda Center. — AP

Tirico’s debut, stumbling ice skaters in Olympics opening

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Highlights from television coverage of the Pyeongchang Olympics:

SPRING TRAINING: NBC’s first night, before Friday’s opening ceremony, had the feel of spring training. You could see it in the team ice skating, where men took tumbles one after the other. NBC’s Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir, to their credit, didn’t make excuses for anyone. “That was the worst short program I’ve ever seen from Nathan Chen,” Weir said of the American skater, calling his opening routine “a disaster.” Said Lipinski: “When you step on the Olympic ice, it changes the game.”

TIRICO TIME: No spring training for Mike Tirico, whose debut as NBC’s prime-time host was smooth and uneventful. He paid tribute to his predecessor, Bob Costas, at the end of Thursday’s broadcast. We especially liked the short but illuminating discussion with Joshua Cooper Ramo on Korean politics. North Korea’s participation is “a historical moment,” Ramo said. “We just don’t know its importance yet.”

FIREPLACE: Not sure Tirico is well-served by the cavernous set NBC built for him, though. It feels cold and makes him look small. Where’s that fake fireplace when you need it?

MISSING SKATER: NBC absorbed years of criticism for prime-time shows filled with tape-delayed competition, but it learned in Thursday’s telecast that live has its pitfalls, too. The network skipped Israeli skater Aleksei Bychenko’s performance to show a sappy feature on a visit to Chen’s elementary school. It was a risk, and producers were burned when they missed the best skate of the first hour of competition. Chen’s lackluster performance only made it worse. The roasting NBC received online even included suggestions that the decision was anti-Semitic.

TOTALLY RAD: “Oh, that is so rad!” skiing analyst Jonny Moseley exclaimed during some moguls preliminaries. One other run was “epic.” A third skier “hangs this thing out to dry.” Yet another was “having a rip-pin’ middle section.” Hope that got the cliches out of your system, Jonny.



AP Photo/Julie Jacobson
United States’ Nathan Chen performs in the men’s single short program team event at the in Gangneung, South Korea, Friday

WINTER GAMES 2018

OPENING CEREMONIES

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Girls basketball — Mossyrock or South Bend vs. Ilwaco, TBA

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 11:30 a.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Knappa 73, Life Christian 48

Knappa 25 16 16 16—73

Life Christian 14 12 9 13—48

KNA (73): Dale Takalo 29, Weirup 20, Engblom 10, E.Takalo 10, Vanderburg 2, Hunt 2.

LC (48): Blake Lambert 28, Jensen 12, Woods 5, Luman 2, Zhou 1.

STANDINGS

Boys Basketball Cowapa League		
League Overall		
Banks	6-1	20-1
Seaside	5-2	16-4
Valley Catholic	5-2	16-5
Tillamook	3-4	12-8
Scappoose	2-5	9-11
Astoria	0-7	3-18

Lewis & Clark League (final)

De La Salle	16-0	22-1
Catlin Gabel	14-2	21-4
OR Episcopal	9-7	16-8
Portland Adv	8-8	14-9
Clatskanie	8-8	14-10
Rainier	7-9	8-16
Portland Chr	6-10	11-14
Riverdale	4-12	9-15
Warrenton	0-16	1-23

Northwest League

Columbia Chr	17-1	24-1
Knappa	17-1	22-3
Vernonia	14-4	17-7
Neah-Kah-Nie	11-6	14-10
Nestucca	10-8	12-12
Gaston	6-10	10-12
City Christian	4-14	7-17
Faith Bible	3-14	5-19
Life Christian	3-15	3-15
Delphian	2-14	3-18

Pacific (WA) 2B League (final)

Life Christian	15-1	18-2
Willapa Valley	13-3	16-4
Chief Leschi	11-5	14-7
Ilwaco	11-5	12-9
North Beach	6-10	8-14
Raymond	6-10	9-13
Ocosta	5-11	8-13
Northwest Chr	4-12	7-13
South Bend	1-15	2-18

Girls Basketball Cowapa League

Banks	7-0	19-2
Valley Catholic	5-2	15-6
Astoria	4-3	12-8
Seaside	3-4	6-14
Scappoose	2-5	6-14
Tillamook	0-7	3-17

Lewis & Clark League (final)

Rainier	16-0	20-4
Clatskanie	14-2	20-4
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Columbia Chr	2-12	3-18
Nestucca	2-12	2-18

Casco League

Perrydale	14-0	19-5
Crosshill Chr	11-3	12-13
Jewell	9-5	13-7
Livingstone	8-6	10-9
Willamette VC	8-6	11-11
Falls City	3-10	6-15
C.S. Lewis	1-12	2-17
Oregon S/D	1-13	4-18

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Trinkle leads Beavs over Cougs

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State was on a four-game losing skid and facing heavy criticism on social media and elsewhere, said coach Wayne Tinkle.

Tres Tinkle had 20 points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals as Oregon State cruised past Washington State 94-62 Thursday. Drew Eubanks added 18 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks and Alfred Hollins had 19 points.

UP NEXT: BEAVERS

• Washington Huskies (17-7, 7-4) at Oregon State Beavers (12-11, 4-7)

• Saturday, 7 p.m. **TV:** ESPNU