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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Oregon's Ionescu named Pac-12 Player of the Year

Oregon sophomore guard Sabrina Ionescu has been named the Pac-12 Player of the year.

This season she broke the NCAA career record for most triple doubles, reaching eight. She currently leads the league with an average of 19.2 points and 7.8 assists per game.

Ionescu won Pac-12 Freshman of the Year honors last year.

"Sabrina sets the tone for us," Oregon coach Kelly Graves in a statement Tuesday. "Her consistency, competitiveness and willingness to take the big shot are unmatched. She's the engine that makes us go."

The sixth-ranked Ducks are the top seed in this weekend's Pac-12 tournament in Seattle.

Sounders sign South Korean defender Kee-hee

SEATTLE — The Seattle Sounders have signed South Korean defender Kim Kee-hee.

Seattle announced the signing on Tuesday, five days before its season opener. Kim comes to the Sounders after spending the past two seasons with Shanghai Shenhua of the Chinese Super League.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Boys basketball — Hardwood Classic (Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena), Naselle vs. Tacoma Baptist, 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Girls basketball — Hardwood Classic (Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena), Mabton or Saint George's vs. Ilwaco, 10:30 a.m.

Boys basketball — OSAA 2A State Tournament (Pendleton Convention Center), Vernonia vs. Knappa, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Boys basketball — Gladstone at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Kennedy or Columbia Christian vs. Knappa or Vernonia (Pendleton Convention Center), TBA



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, center, shoots over Sacramento Kings guards Buddy Hield, right, and DeAaron Fox, left.

AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Edyer

Lillard has 26 points and Blazers beat Kings 116-99

By ANNE M. PETERSON
 Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard did not hesitate when asked about how well the Portland Trail Blazers have been playing recently.

"It's the best place I think we've been in years," he said.

Lillard had 26 points and 12 assists, and the Blazers won their fourth straight with a 116-99 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday night.

Jusuf Nurkic added 17 points and nine rebounds for Portland, which sits in fifth place in the Western Conference — a game back of San Antonio — after winning five of its last six games. The current four-game winning streak matched the team's longest of the season.

"We can't be satisfied with

UP NEXT: BLAZERS

- Minnesota Timberwolves (38-26)
- at Portland Trail Blazers (34-26)
- Thursday, 7:30 p.m. TV: TNT

where we are and what we've been doing," Lillard said. "It's got to be on to the next thing, and keep trying to take it to the next level."

Zach Randolph had 20 points for the Kings, who lost their fifth straight overall. Sacramento has dropped 10 straight games at Portland's Moda Center.

With just 18 wins, Sacramento is in second-to-last place in the West, above only the Phoenix Suns. The Kings have lost four straight and six of their last seven.

"We gave ourselves a chance multiple times tonight but when

you have a team that's played with each other for a while, when things get chaotic and you need to settle down they know where to get the ball and they do a great job of that," Kings veteran Vince Carter said.

The Kings were playing the second of a back-to-back, after losing to Minnesota 118-100 on Monday night. Randolph sat out that game but returned against the Blazers. Randolph played six seasons in Portland.

Lillard had scored 197 points in the past five games, the most points for a Blazer over a five-game stretch in franchise history.

He had 15 points and five assists in the opening quarter against the Kings, including three 3-pointers, to give Portland a 36-26 lead. He was up to 19 points by the half, when the Blazers led 66-53.

Russia reinstated into Olympic movement

By ROB HARRIS
 Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Russia's ban from the Olympic movement was lifted on Wednesday despite two failed doping tests by its athletes at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

The decision by the International Olympic Committee appears to be an attempt to draw a line under the state-concocted doping scandal that tarnished the 2014 Olympics in Sochi.

The IOC allowed more than 160 athletes it determined were clean to compete in Sochi as "Olympic Athletes from Russia" in Pyeongchang earlier this month with a prohibition on the national anthem or flag in venues.

Russia's hopes of marching under its flag at Sunday's closing ceremony in South Korea were stymied by the two positive tests for banned substances, including a curler who had to forfeit his bronze medal. But the IOC said Wednesday that all remaining test results were negative, clearing the path for Russia's return to the Olympic fold.

"Therefore, as stated in the executive board decision of 25th February, the suspension of the Russian Olympic Committee is automatically lifted with immediate effect," the IOC said in a statement.

Russian athletes won two gold medals in Pyeongchang, in figure skating and ice hockey, along with six silver medals and nine bronze.

"I would like to thank our athletes who were able to perform well even despite the provocations," Russian Olympic Committee President Alexander Zhukov said in quotes carried by the TASS news agency. "I thank the fans who did not cross the line and what could result in sanctions. Today's IOC's decision is very important for us. The ROC is an absolutely full-fledged member of the Olympic family."

Russia also complied with its financial sanctions last week by paying \$15 million to pay for the IOC's two investigations into the scheme and toward future anti-doping work.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN



TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings
 WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING				A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach								FEBRUARY 28	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Survivor "Grief" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Survivor "Grief" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Blacklist "Mr. Raleigh Sinclair III" (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Chasing Demons" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Ghost Island "Can You Reverse the Curse?" (SP) (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Chasing Demons" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Ghost Island "Can You Reverse the Curse?" (SP) (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Chasing Demons" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Blacklist "Mr. Raleigh Sinclair III" (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Chasing Demons" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Sisterhood" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Riverdale	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	News at 10 (N)	Friends	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Snowbound: Animals of Winter"	Nova "Prediction by the Numbers" (N)	Frontline "Abacus: Small Enough to Jail"		Frontline "Abacus: Small Enough to Jail"		News (N)	To Be Announced
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The X-Files "Rm9sbG93ZjZj" (N)	9-1-1 "Full Moon (Creepy AF)" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X-Files "Rm9sbG93ZjZj" (N)	9-1-1 "Full Moon (Creepy AF)" (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan (N)	Conan (N)
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) NBA Basketball	Golden State vs Washington (L)	NBA Basketball	Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball	Houston at Southern Methodist University (L)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		NFL Live		NBA Basketball G.S./Was.	
31	NICK	(31) Knight Squad	Henry Danger "Space Invaders" 1/2	Lip Sync Shorties		★★ The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie "04 Tom Kenny.		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Zombies (2018, Musical) Emilia McCarthy, Meg Donnelly.	(45) Raven's Home	(10) Gravity Falls	(35) Gravity Falls	(10) Gravity Falls	(35) Gravity Falls	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle
34	FAM	(34) ★★★★★ Descpicable Me (2010, Animated) Steve Carell.				Grown-ish (N)	Alone Together (N)	★★ Big Daddy (1999, Comedy) Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Stewart, Adam Sandler.				The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) ★★★★★ Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.						(15) ★★★★★ Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.					
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy		LW Atlanta "Another Bad Romance"		Little Women ATL "Cover Girls" (N)		Little Women: Atlanta "Girl Power" (N)		Glam Masters "Made You Look" (P) (N)		Glam Masters "Made You Look"	
38	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball	New Mexico at Colorado State (L)			NCAA Basketball Syracuse at Boston College				NCAA Basketball Providence at Xavier			
39	FS1	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball	Villanova at Seton Hall (L)	Fox College Hoops		The Maestro (N)		Shot in the Dark A teenager wants to go beyond basketball.		TMZ Sports (N)		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed	Cops
43	SPIKE	(43) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	★★ Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.				Waco "Day 51" (SF) (N)				Cops	Cops
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Corporate (N)	South Park	Corporate (N)	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	"A Colonel of Truth"	American Pickers	"Pedal Pushers"	★★★ The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976, Western) Chief Dan George, Sondra Locke, Clint Eastwood.						(05) American Pickers	"Picker's Code"
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Rooster & Butch (N)		(05) Storage Wars	(3:35) Storage Wars
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Lisa's Story" 1/2 (N)	My 600-lb Life "Lisa's Story" 1/2 (N)	My 600-lb Life "Lisa's Story" 2/2 (N)		My 600-lb Life "Robert's Story" Robert tries a final attempt to save his life. (N)		(05) The 685-lb Teen		(05) The 685-lb Teen		(10) My 600-lb Life "Robert's Story"	
49	DISC	(49) Misfit Garage "the '56 Ford Part Two"		Fast "Build to Mega Race Gear 1"		Fast "Build to Mega Race Gear 2"		Fast "Build to Mega Race Gear 3" (N)		Twin Turbos "Building a Future" (P) (N)		(05) Fast "Build to Mega Race Gear 3"	
49	NGEO	(49) World's Toughest Prisons		Russia's Toughest Prisons		Locked Up "Trouble in Tripoli" (N)		Locked up "Busted in Customs" (N)		Locked up "Caught in the Crossfire" (N)		Locked up "Breaking Bad in Britain"	
50	TNT	(50) Bones	"The Princess and the Pear"	Bones	"The Bones That Foam"	★★★ We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Emma Roberts, Jason Sudeikis.		★★★ Magic Mike XXL (15) Matt Bomer, Channing Tatum.					
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) ★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.				★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.							
52	USA	(52) (3:30) The Departed Leonardo DiCaprio.		★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road (2015, Action) Charlize Theron, Zoe Kravitz, Tom Hardy.				★★ Remember the Titans (2000, Drama) Will Patton, Wood Harris, Denzel Washington.					
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Game "Blue Plate Blues"		Game "Cooking Channel Cook-Off"		Guy's Grocery Games "Funny Food"		Guy's Game "Noodle Games" (N)		Guy's Game "Big Bacon Battle 2"		Guy's Game "Frozen Food Fight"	
54	HGTV	(54) Property Bros. "Hunting for the One"		Property "Building a Solid Foundation"		Property Brothers		Property Bros. "Mad About Plaid" (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) ★★ Thor: The Dark World (13) Natalie Portman.		★★ Iron Man 2 (2010, Action) Don Cheadle, Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..				Gianni Versace "Descent" (N)		Anderson Cooper 360		Gianni Versace "Descent"	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Billion Dollar Buyer "After the Deal"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Dollar Buyer "After the Deal"		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Summer House "Mother Knows Best"		Vanderpump Rules "Wishful Sinking"		Beverly Hills "Thank You, Thank You"		Atlanta "Barcelona Breakdown"		Married to Medicine "D.N.A.-DAY"		WatchWhat (N)	Housewives Atl.
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★★ The Bridge on the River Kwai (57) Alec Guinness, William Holden.		★★★★ Patton (1970, War) Karl Malden, Stephen Young, George C. Scott.								From Here to Eternity Burt Lancaster.	
65	SYFY	(65) Movie		★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Adrienne Palicki, Channing Tatum.				The Magicians (N)		Zero "Alice in Slaughterland" (N)		G.I. Joe: Retaliation Channing Tatum.	
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Road/American	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Road/American	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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