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Pritchard helps No. 14 Oregon beat Portland State 84-57

Associated Press

EUGENE — Oregon's first game drew mixed reviews from coach Dana Altman.

The performances by returning starters Payton Pritchard and Paul White were right on cue, but the rest of the Ducks showed some rough spots that need work, especially under the boards.

Pritchard scored 22 points while White added 15 and No. 14 Oregon opened its season by routing Portland State 84-57 Tuesday night.

"We took a step in the right direction," Altman said. "It just wasn't smooth the way we like."

"We're going to have to get a lot more physical in everything we do. Our bigs weren't creating space, and we're going to face a lot more physical teams than this one was."

Ionescu gets triple-double, No. 3 Oregon women win

Associated Press

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Sabrina Ionescu did what she does and Satou Sabally had a big game for No. 3 Oregon but junior Ruthy Hebard stole the show.

Ionescu picked up her 11th triple-double, Sabally scored 23 points and Oregon opened the season with a 115-36 win over Alaska on Tuesday night.

Hebard, playing before her hometown fans, had 15 points despite being under the weather and was mobbed after the game.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Football — 4A quarterfinal: Estacada at Seaside, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

State tournament results

Class 4A championship

Valley Catholic def. Cottage Grove, 23-25, 25-21, 24-26, 25-22, 15-11

Third/fifth place

Sisters def. Sweet Home

Fourth/sixth place

Hidden Valley def. Tillamook

Class 3A championship

Santiam Christian def. Cascade Christian, 25-23, 23-25, 25-16, 25-17

Third/fifth place

South Umpqua def. Blanchet Catholic

Fourth/sixth place

Salem Academy def. Horizon Christian

Class 2A championship

Portland Christian def. Grant Union, 28-26, 23-25, 25-11, 24-26, 15-13

Third/fifth place

Central Linn def. Kennedy

Fourth/sixth place

Coquille def. Weston-McEwen



Krissy Barendse-Goodman/For The Daily Astorian

Knappa's Eli Takalo picked up another Player of the Year honor, as the junior quarterback was named the Northwest League's Offensive MVP.

KNAPPA'S TAKALO IS LATEST LOGGER MVP

The Daily Astorian

It's a long list, and Eli Takalo is the most recent Knappa Logger to earn Northwest League Player of the Year honors, as the junior quarterback was voted as the league's best player on offense.

Neah-Kah-Nie senior Tristan Bennett was named Defensive Player of the Year, and the Pirates' Chris Bennett was selected Coach of the Year, for leading Neah-Kah-Nie to the league title.

As always, Knappa had numerous first-team, second-team and honorable mention selections, as did Warrenton, in the Warriors' first year as a member of the 2A league.

Knappa players took 17 all-league spots, but only three of those positions were filled by seniors.

Northwest All-League Offensive Player of the Year: Eli Takalo, Knappa
Defensive Player of the Year: Tristan Bennett, Neah-Kah-Nie
Coach of the Year: Chris Bennett, Neah-Kah-Nie

First Team Offense
QB: Eli Takalo, Jr., Knappa
RB: Josh Rice, Jr., Vernonia
RB: Luke Goozee, Sr., Knappa
RB: Tristan Bennett, Sr., NKN
WR: Josh Elinsky, Sr., NKN
WR: Kanai Phillip, Jr., Knappa
WR: Sakari Haynes, So., PC
OL: Jaxson Goodman, Jr., Knappa
OL: Travis Bennett, So., NKN
OL: Tucker Champ, Sr., NKN
OL: Mark Warren, Jr., Warrenton
OL: Josh Seals, Sr., Nestucca

First Team Defense
DL: Travis Bennett, So., NKN
DL: Jaxson Goodman, Jr., Knappa
DL: Sam Irwin, So., Warrenton
DL: Isaac Goozee, So., Knappa
LB: Josh Rice, Jr., Vernonia
LB: Tristan Bennett, Sr., NKN
LB: Spencer Teague, Jr., Knappa
LB: Devin Jackson, Jr., Warrenton
DB: Kanai Phillip, Jr., Knappa
DB: Jacob Morrow, Jr., Warrenton
DB: Max Fox, Sr., Gaston

DB: Ben Hurliman, Jr., Nestucca
Special Teams

K: Kenz Ramsey, Jr., Warrenton
P: Gunnar Haral, Jr., Vernonia
Returner: Josh Rice, Jr., Vernonia

Knappa, Warrenton selections
Second Team Offense
RB: Devin Jackson, Jr., Warrenton
WR: Cameron Miethe, So., Knappa
WR: Giovanni Martinez, Sr., Warrenton
OL: Isaac Goozee, So., Knappa
OL: Kale'o Kapua, Sr., Warrenton
Second Team Defense
LB: Joe Ramvick, Jr., Knappa
DB: Devin Hoover, So., Knappa
DB: Cameron Miethe, So., Knappa
Special Teams
Returner: Hordie Bodden Bodden, Fr., Warrenton

Honorable Mention Offense
QB: Jacob Morrow, Jr., Warrenton
WR: Devin Hoover, So., Knappa
WR: Austin Little, Jr., Warrenton
OL: Dominic Rizzo, Sr., Knappa
Honorable Mention Defense
DL: Tristan Scott, So., Warrenton
DL: Mark Warren, Jr., Warrenton
DL: Kaleb Roe, Jr., Knappa
DB: Tyler Green, Sr., Knappa

Hachimura leads No. 3 Gonzaga over Idaho State

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Gonzaga rode a strong effort from Rui Hachimura to open the season with a rout.

Hachimura scored 33 points to help the third-ranked Bulldog to a 120-79 win over Idaho State in the season opener for both teams Tuesday night.

Zach Norvell Jr. added 23 points for Gonzaga (1-0), which has the highest preseason ranking in school history. Norvell Jr. also added seven rebounds.

"I was able to get hot for a little bit but when Rui got it going like that, we want to keep feeding him and play off of him," said Norvell Jr.

It was business as usual for Gonzaga in the opening minutes of the game. The Zags pushed out to an early 18-7 lead, but the Bengals went on a 9-0 run spanning 2:35. Making the score 18-16 with 12:20 to go in the first half.

Oregon State opens with 72-59 win over UC Riverside

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State fell behind UC Riverside in the second half of their season opener, but a full-court press and a couple of turnovers put the Beavers quickly back in control.

"We know what we're capable of doing when we're fired up," Tres Tinkle said. "In our closed scrimmage, our exhibition game and even in practice, we know when we kind of turn up a notch everybody gets even more focused, energy comes up. We just needed a spark, so that was the main reason for that. When you press and trap, you're flying around, so it's a quick way to get us going, get our motors going, get everyone locked in."

McCollum scores 40 as Trail Blazers beat Bucks 118-103

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 Associated Press



AP Photo/Steve Dipaola

Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum, right, drives against Milwaukee Bucks forward Khris Middleton during Tuesday's game in Portland.

PORTLAND — In search of his jump shot, CJ McCollum watched every single 3-pointer he took last season looking for what he lost.

Fortunately for the Portland Trail Blazers, he found it.

McCollum scored 40 points and Portland beat Milwaukee 118-103 on Tuesday night to hand the Bucks their second loss in 10 games this season.

"Whether I play well or not, I know

UP NEXT: BLAZERS

• Los Angeles Clippers (6-4) at Portland Trail Blazers (8-3)
 • Thursday, 7 p.m. TV: NSNW

how much time I spend preparing," McCollum said. "The only thing I saw was I had a lot of in-and-outs and I was shooting with a dead wrist. That was the only thing I noticed. I wasn't locking my wrist out, so I just tried to lock my wrist out."

The result was a dazzling perfor-

mance against one of the NBA's best teams early this season.

"A lot of credit to CJ. He had a heck of a night," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "Any time we made a bit of a run or felt like the momentum might be changing, McCollum hit a big shot."

McCollum, who entered shooting well below his career averages, went 17 for 26 from the field and added six assists.

"It was tough," Milwaukee big man Brook Lopez said. "He made some huge plays and some tough shots that definitely were contested."

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