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Beavers pull away late to beat Colorado, 76-74

By **MICHAEL KELLY**
Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Stephen Thompson Jr. scored 21 points, Tres Tinkle had 19 points and eight rebounds to lead Oregon State to a 76-74 win over the Colorado Buffaloes on Thursday night.

Ethan Thompson had 14 points, including a dunk that ignited an 8-4 run late to help the Beavers (13-7, 5-3 Pac-12) to the win.

McKinley Wright led Colorado with 18 points and Evan Battey had six of his 16 points late in the second half. Colorado lost for just the third time at home this season.

The game was close throughout the second half and went back-and-forth in the final three minutes. Battey and Ethan Thompson traded buckets to tie it at 69 late. Oregon State's Gligorije Rakocevic broke the tie with two free throws and, after a Colorado turnover, Tinkle was fouled and drained both foul shots to give Oregon State a 73-69 lead with 37.2 seconds left.

Thompson Jr. gave the Buffaloes hope when he went 2 of 4 from the line in the final minute but Wright — who knocked down a 3 to make it a one-point game with a second left — missed a desperation shot at the buzzer to send Colorado to its sixth loss in eight conference games.

Colorado (11-9, 2-6) used a pair of 9-0 runs and sur-



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Oregon State guard Ethan Thompson fights for control of a rebound with Colorado guard Tyler Bey.

vived a four-minute scoring drought to take a 40-35 lead at halftime. The Buffaloes had just 18 points with 6:45 left but outscored the Beavers by 10 until Thompson Jr. hit a shot just before the break to cut it to five.

Neither team shot well from the foul line. Colorado came into the game hitting 71 percent of its free throws but was 10 of 20 from the line until Wright hit four straight to make it 65-65 before the last media timeout.

Richardson's 19 points, Oregon's defense break Utah 78-72

By **MATTHEW COLES**
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Will Richardson scored a career-high 19 points to lead Oregon to a 78-72 win over Utah on Thursday night.

Ehab Amin scored 15 points and Paul White added 14 to compliment the Ducks' suffocating defense that caused 19 turnovers

and frustrated the Utes.

Donnie Tillman and Sedrick Barefield each scored 16 for Utah, which saw its four-game winning streak snapped. Barefield was point of focus for the Oregon defense and made just 4 of 16 field goal attempts.

Timmy Allen had 13 for the Utes, who made only 13 of 23 free throws and wasted a big early lead.

After yet another steal,

BIG PICTURE

Oregon State: The Beavers were stumbling after winning their first three conference games but are now positioned to make a run to the top of the Pac-12. After Saturday, Oregon State plays three straight home games.

Colorado: The Buffaloes played five of their first seven conference games on the road and it showed in the standings. Colorado, including Thursday's loss, has seven of its last 11 at Coors Events Center to try to gain traction in the Pac-12.

UP NEXT

Oregon State: At Utah on Saturday.

Colorado: Hosts Oregon on Saturday night.

Amin drained a 3-pointer for the Ducks' largest advantage, 67-53. Parker Van Dyke's steal and layup brought the Utes within 67-60. Barefield made a 3 to get Utah within 76-72 with 20.3 seconds to play but Payton Pritchard made two free throws — to run his consecutive streak to 26 — and clinch the victory.

Early on, the Ducks couldn't solve Utah's 2-3

zone that broke down into aggressive man defense. On the other end, Tillman came off the bench and hit three consecutive 3-pointers from the same spot on the left wing.

UP NEXT

Oregon continues the mountain swing at Colorado Saturday night.

Knappa wins 'intense' game at City Christian, 68-53

The Daily Astorian

With a big game Saturday against a private school in Portland, the Knappa boys basketball team warmed up Thursday night with a victory over a private school in Portland.

After a slow start, the Loggers had a big second half in a 68-53 win at City Christian in Northwest League boys basketball action.

Knappa held a slim 14-11 lead after one quarter, but as the Loggers have done all season, they heated up in the second period and led 35-20 by halftime, thanks in part to a 7-1 run to start the quarter.

City Christian rallied and pulled to within 44-35 late in the third, but that's as close as the Lions could get.

"Won an intense one," said Knappa coach Paul Isom. "We battled through foul trouble and kept our composure in a really chippy game, which I was really happy with. We

showed a lot of maturity and growth from when we started the year."

Knappa's Timber Engblom scored 27 points for the second game in a row, making that 54 points in two games. Eli Takalo added 18 for the Loggers.

"(Engblom) played really well tonight and kept us under control, even with some different lineups out there," Isom said.

The Loggers improve to 12-2 in league play, behind first place Columbia Christian (13-0), which hosts Knappa for a Saturday afternoon game (4 p.m. tip-off).

Columbia Christian and Knappa have locked up the top two spots in the league standings (with Neah-Kahn-Nie a distant third with an 8-6 league record). The two teams will meet a third time in the league playoffs to decide the No. 1 and 2 seeds to the state playoffs. The Knights and Loggers could also meet a fourth time at the state tournament in Pendleton.

Lions outlast Knappa, 50-30 in Portland

The Daily Astorian

Knappa and City Christian played even over the first and third quarters (20-20), but the Lions outscored the Loggers 30-10 in the second and fourth quarters on their way to a 50-30 win over Knappa, Thursday night in Portland.

The Lady Loggers led 12-11 after one quarter of the Northwest League girls basketball game, but mounting injuries are taking a toll on Knappa, which lost Aiko Miller to a second-quarter injury. She is expected to return for Saturday's game at Columbia Christian, although Knappa is still missing Katie Patterson.

City Christian had three players score in double figures, led by Marlei Knox

with 16 points, followed by Holly Ishibashi with 13 and Emilee Owen with 10.

Knox connected on back-to-back 3-pointers in a crucial second-quarter stretch.

In her second game back from an injury, Sophia Carlson led Knappa with 14 points, six steals, six rebounds and two blocks.

Madelynn Weaver had eight rebounds, and Hannah Dietrichs added nine points and five boards for the Loggers.

"Bailey (McCall), Olivia (Rilatoss) and Emily (Nicholson) really stepped up big time for us," said Knappa coach Marie Green. "We started defending drives better, but we panicked a little in the second half. It was a very, very physical game."

Cheesemakers dominate 4-way wrestling meet at Seaside

By **GARY HENLEY**
The Daily Astorian

The Tillamook Cheesemakers showed their strength on the wrestling mat Wednesday night, dominating three other schools in a night of Cowapa League duals at Seaside.

The Gulls hosted wrestlers from Astoria, Banks and Tillamook in a final league tuneup for the post-season, which begins Saturday at Banks, where the Braves will host the Cowapa League tournament (a one-day event featuring the same four schools).

From looking at the results of Wednesday's duals, Tillamook will be the heavy favorite.

The Cheesemakers went undefeated in their three duals, scoring decisive wins over Astoria (78-6), Banks (64-15) and Seaside (71-10).

Banks managed to defeat the Gulls (57-24) and the Fishermen (70-12), while Seaside won its Clatsop Clash dual with Astoria, 46-23.

And whenever the Fishermen and Gulls meet in a dual, there's bound to be forfeits, as both teams have

struggled to fill all weight classes.

In Wednesday's Clash, there were only five matches on the mat. The other nine weights had eight forfeits, with one exhibition match.

On the mat, Seaside's Johnathon Kenenounis opened the lowest weight class (106 pounds) with a pin over Astoria's Jack Phillips in 1 minute, 15 seconds.

The Gulls' Axel Garcia posted a major decision (13-5) over Astoria's Emma King, before the Fishermen won back-to-back weight classes.

At 126, Astoria's William Eddy scored a technical fall (15-0, at 3:05) over Seaside's Kaden Samson. And Marcos Elena pinned the Gulls' Daniel Lombardi in 2:47.

Seven of the next eight weights ended with forfeits (five wins for Seaside, one for Astoria, and one double forfeit), while Astoria's Wesley Ellison scored a fall over Seaside's David Toyooka in 2:49.

In an exhibition match at 145 pounds, Seaside's Aidan Tice pinned Daniel Messing in 43 seconds.

The Gulls scored three

wins on the mat vs. Banks.

At 113 pounds, Garcia pinned Mason Warren in 1:06. Gio Ramirez scored a fall over Tyler Nies in 2:54, and Seaside's Lawson Talamantez pinned Andrew Nichols in 2:24.

Tillamook won 10 matches by pin in the Cheesemakers' dual with Seaside. Other than a forfeit win at 132, the Gulls' lone victory came from Luke Nelson, who posted a 13-2 major decision over Dawson McKibbin at 220 pounds.

The Fishermen also managed just one win against Tillamook — a pin by Elena

vs. Lesile Marquez at 132 pounds.

Astoria also had just one victory against Banks, as Eddy won by fall (46 seconds) over Haylee Davis at 126. The Braves won seven matches by forfeit.

Saturday's meet at Banks will be for bragging rights among the Cowapa League schools, while the District 1/4A tournament (Feb. 8-9 at Tillamook) will determine the state meet qualifiers. In addition to the four Cowapa teams, wrestlers from Estacada, Molalla, North Marion and Woodburn will compete in the District 1 meet.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY
Girls basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7:30 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 7 p.m.
Boys basketball — Seaside at Astoria, 7:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie, 6 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.
Swimming — Cowapa League Championships, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 3 p.m.
Wrestling — District 1/2A at Knappa, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY
Girls basketball — Knappa at Columbia Christian, 2:30 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette VC, 4 p.m.
Boys basketball — Knappa at Columbia Christian, 4 p.m.; Jewell at Willamette VC, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling — Cowapa Championships, at Banks, TBA
BOYS BASKETBALL
Knappa 68, City Christian 53
 KNA (68): Timber Engblom 27, Takalo 18, Wallace 7, Ramwick 6, Phillip 6, Vanderburg 2, Lackey 1, Westerholm 1.
 Knappa 14 21 15 18—68

City.C 11 9 18 15—53
GIRLS BASKETBALL
City Christian 50, Knappa 30
 KNA (30): Sophia Carlson 14, Dietrichs 9, Tischer 4, Weaver 2, Corcoran 1, Miller, McCall, Nicholson.
 CC (50): Marlei Knox 16, Ishibashi 13, Owen 10, Castillo 8, Di Plok 2, Wai 1.
 Knappa 12 4 8 6—30
 City.C 11 16 9 14—50
WRESTLING
 Cowapa League duals (Wednesdays at Seaside)
Seaside 46, Astoria 23
 106: Johnathon Kenenounis, Sea, pin Jack Phillips, Ast, 1:15
 113: Axel Garcia, Sea, def. Emma King, Ast, MD 13-5
 120: Andrew Gastelum, Sea, won by forfeit
 126: William Eddy, Ast, def. Kaden Samson, Sea, TF 15-0 3:05
 132: Marcos Elena, Ast, pin Daniel Lombardi, Sea, 2:47
 138: Daniel Messing, Ast, won by forfeit
 152: Double forfeit
 160: Christopher Avery, Sea, won by forfeit
 170: Gio Ramirez, Sea, won by forfeit

182: Lawson Talamantez, Sea, won by forfeit
 195: Wesley Ellison, Ast, pin David Toyooka, Sea, 2:49
 220: Luke Nelson, Sea, won by forfeit
 Exhibition-145: Aidan Tice, Sea, pin Daniel Messing, Ast, 0:43
Banks 70, Astoria 12
 106: Hunter Smith, Banks pin Jack Phillips, Ast, 0:19
 113: Emma King, Ast, won by forfeit
 120: Mason Warren, Banks, won by forfeit
 126: William Eddy, Ast, pin Haylee Davis, Banks, 0:46
 132: Bennett Turner, Banks, pin Marcos Elena, Ast, 2:36
 138: Tyler Smith, Banks, pin Daniel Messing, Ast, 1:32
 145: Tanner Thompson, Banks, won by forfeit
 152: Johnathon Dudley, Banks, won by forfeit
 160: Rephael Mauck, Banks, pin Vojdech Ryp, Ast, 0:27
 170: Tyler Nies, Banks, won by forfeit
 182: Thomas Cook, Banks, won by forfeit

195: Andrew Nichols, Banks, def. Wesley Ellison, Ast, MD 18-4
 220: James Ellis, Banks, won by forfeit
 285: Risdon White, Banks, won by forfeit
Banks 57, Seaside 24
 106: Hunter Smith, Banks, pin Johnathon Kenenounis, Sea, 0:25
 113: Axel Garcia, Sea, pin Mason Warren, Banks, 1:06
 120: Andrew Gastelum, Sea, won by forfeit
 126: Haylee Davis, Banks, pin Kaden Samson, Sea, 1:10
 132: Bennett Turner, Banks, pin Daniel Messing, Sea, 5:38
 138: Tyler Smith, Banks, def. Everett Rollins, Sea, 8-2
 145: Tanner Thompson, Banks, pin Aidan Tice, Sea, 0:45
 152: Colby Smith, Banks, won by forfeit
 160: Johnathon Dudley, Banks, pin Christopher Avery, Sea, 5:54
 170: Gio Ramirez, Sea, pin Tyler Nies, Banks, 2:54
 182: Lawson Talamantez, Sea, pin Andrew Nichols, Banks, 2:24
 195: Thomas Cook, Banks, pin David Toyooka, Sea, 0:46

220: James Ellis, Banks, pin Luke Nelson, Sea, 1:04
 285: Risdon White, Banks, pin Gunner Knox, Sea, 1:30
Tillamook 78, Astoria 6
 106: Brian Rieger, Til, pin Jack Phillips, Ast.
 113: Edgar Estrada, Til, pin Emma King, Ast.
 120: Keegan Hagerty, Til, won by forfeit
 126: Quintin Metcalfe, Til, pin William Eddy, Ast.
 132: Marcos Elena, Ast, pin Leslie Marquez, Til.
 138: Luis Macias, Til, pin Daniel Messing, Ast.
 145: Chad Werner, Til, won by forfeit
 152: Tommy Cruz, Til, won by forfeit
 160: Alex Werner, Til, pin Vojdech Ryp, Ast.
 170: Zeke Coon, Til, won by forfeit
 182: Caleb Werner, Til, won by forfeit
 195: Tieson O Hagen, Til, pin Wesley Ellison, Ast.
 220: Brian Rieger, Til, won by forfeit
 285: Dawson McKibbin, Til, won by forfeit
Tillamook 71, Seaside 10
 106: Bradley Rieger, Til, pin Johnathon Kenenounis, Sea, 0:26

113: Ethan Haertel, Til, pin Axel Garcia, Sea, 1:01
 120: Keegan Hagerty, Til, pin Andrew Gastelum, Sea, 1:00
 126: Quintin Metcalfe, Til, pin Kaden Samson, Sea, 2:42
 132: Daniel Lombardi, Sea, won by forfeit
 138: Luis Macias, Til, def. Everett Rollins, Sea, TF 18-3 4:37
 145: Sam Connelly, Til, pin Aidan Tice, Sea, 1:42
 152: Chris Silveira, Til, won by forfeit
 160: Alex Werner, Til, pin Christopher Avery, Sea, 3:38
 170: Caleb Werner, Til, pin Gio Ramirez, Sea, 5:03
 182: Zeke Coon, Til, pin Lawson Talamantez, Sea, 1:29
 195: Fabian Niemi, Til, pin David Toyooka, Sea, 0:53
 220: Luke Nelson, Sea, def. Dawson McKibbin, Til, MD 13-2
 285: Brian Rieger, Til, pin Gunner Knox, Sea, 1:19