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March Madness Hits NW

Hoyas weigh Eagles' challenge in Portland match this week

Howard Fendrich, AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — There are names of players — Patrick Ewing, say — and opponents — Houston's Phi Slamma Jamma, for example — that conjure up wonderful NCAA Tournament memories for the Georgetown Hoyas and their fans.

A national championship in 1984. Other Final Four appearances, as recently as 2007.

And then there are the past half-dozen years, which have been far less glorious. Missing out on March Madness entirely a year ago, relegated instead to the NIT. Winning a grand total of one game in the NAAs since 2009. Losing to a team seeded 10th or worse in each of the Hoyas' last five NCAA appearances.

So even if the faces have changed, and history does not dictate what happens now, with fourth-seeded Georgetown's South Region opener against 13th-seeded Eastern Washington at Portland, Oregon, approaching Thursday night, Hoyas coach John Thompson III said, "We'll absolutely talk about the past."

How so?

"The preparation that is needed," said the man known as JT3, son of the coach who led Ewing's Hoyas to their NCAA title three decades ago. "The focus that is needed."

Lesson learned, he hopes.

The last time Georgetown was in the tournament, in 2013, it helped make the "Dunk City" kids from Florida Gulf Coast a 15th-seeded sensation. That followed NCAA exits against No. 10 Davidson, No. 11 Ohio, No. 11 VCU and No. 11 North Carolina State.

Which is why Thompson insists that his players must do what they can to think only about how to get past Eastern Washington and not spend a moment pondering what potentially could come next.

"This is a time frame that, by nature, by design, is almost structured to force you to look ahead. Everyone — we're not — is going to fill out their pool. All the chatter around campus (will be), 'Well, if this hap-

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AUTO VOTE



Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signs the new motor voter law. Under the legislation, every adult citizen in Oregon who has interacted with the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division since 2013 but hasn't registered to vote will receive a ballot in the mail at least 20 days before the next statewide election. The measure is expected to add about 300,000 new voters to the rolls.

Oregon Boosts Voting Rolls

Gov. Brown scores major election reform win with new DMV rule

Sheila V Kumar, Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Seventeen years after Oregon decided to become the first state to hold all elections with mail-in ballots, it took another pioneering step on Monday to broaden participation by automatically registering people to vote.

Gov. Kate Brown signed a bill that puts the burden of registration on the state instead of voters.

Under the legislation, every adult citizen in Oregon who

has interacted with the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division since 2013 but hasn't registered to vote will receive a ballot in the mail at least 20 days before the next statewide election. The measure is expected to add about 300,000 new voters to the rolls.

"It just changes expectations for who's responsible for making elections work," said Barry Burden, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and director of the Elections Research Center. "In every

other state it's the responsibility for the voters to make sure it happens."

Some other states have considered such legislation but none has gone as far as Oregon.

Minnesota nearly implemented automatic voter registration in 2009 before the plan was vetoed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty, who said "registering to vote should be a voluntary, intentional act."

Similar concerns were raised by Oregon's minority Republicans.

"Simply because it makes us unique or makes us first does not necessarily mean that it actually improves on what we're doing," said state Sen. Jackie Winters, a Republican from Salem.

Oregon Republicans also voiced worry about potential voter fraud, the cost of implementing the measure, and whether the DMV can ensure personal information remains secure.

Information the DMV has on

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Building a Cutting Edge STEM School

Conflict over program begs question: What are best practices?

By Arashi Young
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A US Department of Education civil rights complaint brought by local science education advocates against the Portland Public School District has become a battleground for the future of one

historically underserved school.

At issue is whether or not the Roosevelt High School remodel will provide a 21st century STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education for the students in North Portland.

The complaint, filed in Oct. 2014, compares the design processes of the traditionally low-income Roosevelt to the more affluent Franklin High School, and alleges

that the North Portland community has been shortchanged.

The PPS critics believe the Roosevelt design lacked the necessary STEM understanding. In contrast, Portland Public Schools Chief Spokesperson Jon Isaacs insists that the school is being designed with the most recent knowledge of modern edu-

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