

Sports shorts

Boston will be American bidder for 2024 Olympics

DENVER (AP) — U.S. Olympic leaders surprisingly cast their future with Boston, hoping a compact, college-centric bid will overshadow the city’s organized protest group and convince international voters to bring the Summer Games to America after a 28-year gap.

During a daylong meeting at the Denver airport Thursday, USOC board members chose Boston, with its promise of frugality and lots of temporary and reusable venues, over Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington.

Boston joins Rome as the only other city that has officially decided to bid. Germany will submit either Hamburg or Berlin, with France and Hungary among those also considering bids. The International Olympic Committee will award the Games in 2017.

America’s last two attempts to land the Games resulted in embarrassments — fourth-place finishes for New York (2012) and Chicago (2016).



Oregon and Altman sued over alleged sexual assault

EUGENE (AP) — The University of Oregon and men’s basketball coach Dana Altman were sued Thursday afternoon by the alleged victim of a March sexual assault involving three former Ducks basketball players in a suit that says, in part, that Altman was fully aware that one of the players, Brandon Austin, had been suspended from his former college because of another sexual assault accusation.

The 18-page civil complaint was filed in U.S. District Court in Eugene by attorneys John Clune of Boulder, Colo., and Jennifer Middleton of Eugene, on behalf of the alleged victim, who they say “suffered damages and injuries as a result of the UO’s violations of Title IX.”

The alleged victim is a current UO student who is listed as Jane Doe. Her Title IX rights were violated, the suit says, because of what it calls Oregon’s “deliberate indifference” to the safety of its students by recruiting a player with a history such as Austin’s.

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Altman

“I would have considered it. Physically, I feel really, really good.”

— Kurt Warner
Forty-three year old retired quarterback on whether he would’ve made a comeback if asked by the Arizona Cardinals this season. The Cardinals fell last week in the opening round of the NFC playoffs to the Seattle Seahawks with third-string Ryan Lindley at the helm.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1996 — The Toronto Raptors set an NBA record by not making a single free throw in a 92-91 loss to the Charlotte Hornets. The expansion Raptors are 0-for-3 from the line.
2010 — Peyton Manning becomes the first player to win The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player honors four times.
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PENDLETON

Eagles turn the tide on Bucks

Big Pendleton lead disappears in furious HRV rally

By ERIK SKOPIL
East Oregonian

After Sam Bliss, Marcus Taylor and Joey Bliss gave the Pendleton wrestling team a 30-3 lead over Hood River Valley with three consecutive pins, it seemed almost unimaginable that the dual’s outcome would hinge on the evening’s finale at 138 pound.

But the Eagles brought the strength of their club to the mat, reeling off seven consecutive wins, culminating with a Junior Manzo 13-7 decision over Pendleton’s Scott Chambers at 138 to complete a 38-30 come-from-behind duel meet victory over the Buckaroos at Warberg Court.

Pendleton coach Fred Phillips wasn’t surprised by the narrow result. He was however, surprised by a pair of performances — and not in the way he’d like to have been.

“It was really close to what we figured,” he said. “But I wasn’t figuring on getting destroyed at 126 or Tristan getting pinned either. Instead of giving up three in each match, we gave up six.”

Pendleton led 30-24 before the Eagles Jason Shaner pulverized Garriston Alger with a host of slamming takedowns to earn a 25-9 technical fall. State champion Christian Marquez gave HRV its first lead of the dual with a pin of the Buckaroos Tristian Holcomb — the team’s top placer at last year’s state meet — in the 132 pound duel. Manzo wrapped up the competition with a dominant win over Chambers.

Despite the result the sophomore’s effort caught Phillips’ eye in his third varsity bout. “I give Chambers credit here with all the pressure of the world on his back,” he said. “He went out there and competed and didn’t quit and wrestled to the end.”

The evening started with Morgan Holcomb’s crushing 14-5 major decision at 145 pounds. The senior’s win began the Buckaroos hot start, which featured wins in six

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hood River’s Christian Marquez throws Pendleton’s Tristan Holcomb in the Bucks’ 38-30 loss to the Eagles on Thursday in Pendleton.



AP Photo/Don Ryan

LaMarcus Aldridge takes a shot in the Blazers 99-38 win over the Miami Heat Thursday.

NBA

Aldridge paces way in win

Forward notches double-double in comeback win

By NICK DASCHIEL
Associated Press

PORTLAND — LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and the Portland Trail Blazers used a big third quarter to beat the Miami Heat 99-83 Thursday night.

Aldridge scored 10 points in the third, when the Blazers (28-8) outscored the Heat 33-16 to take control of the game.

Wesley Matthews had 18 points, Damian Lillard 16 and Chris Kaman 10 for Portland. The Blazers grabbed 28 rebounds in the second half and outrebounded

Miami 50-42 overall. Portland tied Golden State for most wins in the NBA this season.

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 23 points. Chris Bosh had 18 and Hassan Whiteside 10 for the Heat (15-21).

Miami led 48-43 at halftime after controlling most of the first half. The Heat’s perimeter defense was particularly effective, limiting Portland to 2-of-14 shooting from 3-point range during the opening half.

Portland erased its deficit early in the third quarter, when a 14-1 run highlighted by three consecutive layups from Kaman gave the Blazers a 60-51 lead. Dorell Wright hit a fade-away 18-footer at the buzzer to push Portland’s lead to 74-62 heading into

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College Football

Big stage chance to build brand

Ducks take advantage of championship game

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

EUGENE — In the days leading up to the Rose Bowl, Oregon sent customized football jerseys to some of its famous fans, including guitarist Tommy Thayer of Kiss, Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon and retired boxer Lennox Lewis.

The jerseys were part of a social media campaign to draw non-football fans to the Ducks. The attention-grabbing promotion was the latest for an athletic department that is known for innovative marketing. Now the school’s academic side is joining in.

Even before the Ducks face Ohio State in the national championship game Monday, overall university efforts — like the jersey campaign — are translating into the “Flutie Effect.”

So named for the surge in applications

at Boston College following quarterback Doug Flutie’s Hail Mary against Miami in 1984, in recent years the phenomenon has touched several schools. Boise State, for example, cited a 135 percent jump in online academic inquiries, record merchandise sales and an increase in donations following its perfect 13-0 season in 2006.

The Ducks aren’t leaving their Flutie Effect to chance.

Just before the Rose Bowl victory against Florida State, Oregon launched its new academic website. That was not a coincidence, said Tim Clevenger, the university’s associate vice president for communications, marketing, and brand management.

It was decided before the season started last fall to kick off a four-year overall marketing campaign using football as a welcome mat.

“As the season progressed, the Heisman announcement came out, we won the Pac-12 championship, and then we’re going to the Rose Bowl, the whole thing just steam-

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College Basketball

Beavers snag first Pac-12 win of Tinkle era

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State has been a pest for visitors at Gill Coliseum this year, and the Beavers improved to 9-0 at home with a 55-47 win over Arizona State on Thursday.

Coach Wayne Tinkle hopes his squad keeps up the defense and intensity versus No. 7 Arizona on Sunday.

“Our guys are kind of developing a little pride here at home,” Tinkle said. “They don’t worry about what’s across (the opponents’) chest. We play because of the name on our chest. We’ll give it our best and see what we’ve got.”

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