Alumni Roundup

Schimmel continues strong play for UofL

East Oregonian

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Louisville women's basketball team has risen to No. 4 in both of the major polls, and Mission product **Jude Schimmel** continues to be a key reason for the Cardinals' ascent.

The Cardinals (15-1) improved to 3-0 in ACC play with a 79-68 win at Wake Forest last week. Their other two conference wins came over Georgia Tech, 75-48, and Pittsburgh, 63-57.

During that stretch Schimmel totaled 23 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists, three blocks and three steals.

The senior guard will lead the Cardinals against N.C. State today at 4 p.m. That game will be live streamed on ESPN3.

KLAMATH FALLS — **Bryan Beard** has been averaging just over 10 minutes a game in his sophomore season playing for legendary coach Danny Miles at Oregon Tech.

Pendleton's career leader in blocks, the 6-foot-9 post has appeared in 15 of the Owls' 18 games with six starts.

Beard hasn't taken a lead role in the offense yet, with just 2.6 points per game average, but he leads the team in field goal percentage at 66.7 (18 for 27). He has season totals of 39 points, 41 rebounds, eight assists, eight steals and five blocks.

Oregon Tech (12-6, 5-3), which is fifth in the Cascade Conference standings, hosts league leader Southern Oregon on Saturday in its next contest.

LA GRANDE — **Maloree Moss** has yet to miss a start in her junior season at Eastern Oregon University.

The 5-foot-8 guard averages 7.9 points, 3.7 assists and 3.6 rebounds per game for the Mountaineers (14-4, 6-1 CCC), which lead the Cascade Collegiate Conference standings by one game over Southern Oregon. She also leads the team with a 3-point shooting percentage of 41.5 (22 for 53).

Eastern Oregon has won four in a row and is coming off a 67-60 win at College of Idaho last Friday. EOU will stay on the road for a pair of CCC games this weekend.

NAMPA, Idaho — **Ellie Logan** netted 16 points Saturday in Northwest Nazarene's 85-66 loss to Western Washington. The Condon/Wheeler grad made her fifth appearance in the Crusader starting lineup. The 16 points were a team-best in the loss and came on 5-for-12 shooting from the field. She also snagged seven rebounds.

The Crusaders have struggled this season, going 2-4 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference games and 4-11 overall. Logan has shown well in her first 15 collegiate outings, however, reaching double digits in points in eight of those contests. She's averaging 9.7 points per game.

CORVALLIS — Oregon State redshirt freshman **Abraham Rodriguez** snagged a second place finish at the Aloha Open in Honolulu on Dec. 30. Wrestling in the 149-pound weight class, the former Hermiston Bulldog star won his first two matches by decision before conceding the championship bout to Jake Short of Minnesota due to injury.

Joey Delgado lost all four of his matches at 157 pounds at the same tournament.

Rodriguez took an 11-8 loss to Stanford's Garrett Schaner in Oregon State's dual with the Cardinal on Saturday in the Beavers' 19-12 victory. Delgado did not wrestle.

Oregon State returns to the mat Friday against Cal-State Bakersfield.

DUCKS: Many key offensive parts return for another run

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now — is Jeff Lockie, a 6-foot-2 redshirt sophomore. He attempted 27 passes this season, completing 21 for 207 yards and a touchdown.

Others waiting in the wings include current redshirt Morgan Mahalak, Georgia Tech transfer Ty Griffin, recruit Travis Waller. Rumors were swirling about possible transfers.

But elsewhere on the offense, Oregon will return two players who emerged as freshmen.

Royce Freeman rushed for 1,392 yards and 18 touchdowns, earning Pac-12 offensive freshman of the year honors. He is the first true freshman at Oregon to rush for more than 1,000 yards. He also tossed the touchdown pass that Mariota snagged.

Charles Nelson was not only a key contributor on special teams but he also emerged as one of the team's top receivers — picking up the slack when the group was beset by injury. Nelson caught two touchdowns in each of Oregon's last two regular-season games, and had 104 yards receiving in the Pac-12 championship victory over Arizona.

Other standouts included converted junior running back Byron Marshall, who became the first Oregon player to rush for at least 1,000 yards in one season (1,038 in 2013) and have 1,000 yards receiving in another (1,003, this season).

The conference title win avenged Oregon's regular-season loss to the Wildcats — which many players credited with shaking them out of complacency for the run toward college football's first playoffs.

Overall, Oregon ranked third in the nation in total offense with an average of 547 yards per game. The Ducks' passing offense under Mariota was ranked 10th nationally with an average of 312.5 yards a game. Mariota's passer efficiency rating (181.7) topped the nation.

The Ducks have never won a national championship, but they've played in the title game twice. They capped the 2010 season with a loss to Auburn for the title.

"I mean it hurts," Mariota said about falling short in the final game. "You put so much work, you put so much effort into the year and it's tough. It's tough to go out with a loss."

BULLDOGS: Team looking for vocal leader

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because they're relentless. If you pause, if you hesitate, if you look, it's over, the ball is gone," Hoffert said of last year's Washington 3A fourth-place finisher.

The Grizzlies built their lead to five points in the fourth quarter before Ramirez gave them a taste of their own medicine. The scrappy junior forced consecutive turnovers that led to Bulldog baskets to cut the lead to 50-49 with 2:31 left.

Those would prove the team's last points of the contest and Sunnyside would add the game's final five points to close with a six-point advantage — the biggest lead for either side during the clash of regional titans.

The fourth quarter was not the first time the Grizzlies erased a two-possession deficit. Hermiston led 27-22 after senior Tavin Headings drilled her second and third three-pointers with 1:33 left in the second period. Sunnyside's Natalia Bazan and Emilee Maldonaldo each scored baskets to make it a 27-26 halftime edge for the Bulldogs.

Headings added a fourth three-pointer in the third quarter to finish with 17 points, just two better than Ramirez at 15.

"She's got her rhythm back and feel the flow of the game," Hoffert said. "She's filling a void when Sara and Jansen (Edmiston) aren't hitting. We can't have one girl hitting and win."

Headings was 4 of 7 from three-point range.

Despite the red-hot play and 11-game win streak that came to a close Tuesday, Hoffert had seen signs of weakness that he felt were exploited by the Grizzlies' nonstop pressure.

"We've always had a vocal girl that on the floor when things weren't going well, it was taken care of," he said. "We're kind of lacking that. It hasn't hurt us until tonight. When we got emotionally down in that fourth quarter it showed because we didn't have that spark of energy."

Hermiston has two days before it will try to unseat another undefeated power. This time it'll be second-ranked La Salle Prep, which is on the docket for a Friday tilt in Portland.

"I think this could be a good wakeup call for us — the fact that we haven't focused much lately, we haven't played like we should play. Going into La Salle it's not going to get any easier," Hoffert said. "We expect to roll through league, we expect to go undefeated — that's our expectation. But it isn't going to happen unless we can take a game like this and build on it."

SUNNYSIDE (WA) 55, HERMISTON 49

SHS	11	15	13	16	— 55
HHS	15	12	10	6	— 49

SUNNYSIDE — Jordan Rodriguez 14, J. Mendoza 3, E. Maldonado 12, S. Rubalcava 5, L. Vallie 8, N. Bazan 11, J. Trevino 0, J. Lua 2.

HERMISTON — Tavin Heddings 17, S. Ramirez 15, K. Padilla 4, J. Edmiton 4, M. Juul 4, A. Drotzmann 3, M. Foley 2, S. Moore 0, S. Gilbert 0.

3-point field goals — SHS 4, HHS 6. **Free throws** — SHS 11-16, HHS 6-15. **Fouls** — SHS 18. HHS 14.

DAWGS: HHS pulls within one in final minute

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said the missing ingredient for the Bulldogs (3-10) was a lack of patience offensively, and a bit of complacency as well.

"They see that we're kind of struggling, scuffling coming into the game and can kind of see a light at the end of the tunnel," McElligott said of Sunnyside's desire to win.

He said one of his main points before the game was for his team to get the Grizzlies down early and break their spirit.

That never happened, and when Sunnyside's Nico Valle scored with 32 seconds left in the first quarter it gave his team a 12-10 edge in a frame that saw a combined shooting effort of 11-of-29 with no 3-pointers or free throws made.

Sunnyside pushed its lead to 15-10 with an early second-quarter flurry, but a Keegan Crafton three and Chase Knutz floater tied it at 15-all. The Bulldogs were able to take the lead at 21-20 on a Dillon Zimmerly field goal with just under two minutes in the half, but finished the second quarter shooting 1 of 4 and trailed 24-23 at intermission.

"Going into halftime, they got that one-point lead, and they're gonna see that light at the end of the tunnel getting bigger, and they're gonna play harder," McElligott said. "That's what they did."

Photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Dillon Zimmerly shoots the ball over Sunnyside's Angel Garza in the Bulldogs' 47-45 loss to the Grizzlies on Tuesday in Hermiston.

The two teams traded baskets in the third quarter, and neither team was able to gain control of the game. Hermiston's largest lead in the game came at 34-32 but it didn't last long, Sanchez hit his only three of the game to give Sunnyside the lead for good.

Hermiston tried to make it interesting in the fourth quarter as Chance Flores and Crafton scored baskets to cut a 46-41 deficit to one point in the final minute.

Sunnyside was unable to hit its free throws at th other end, going 1 for 5 in the last minute, but the Bulldogs turned it over twice to end their comeback bid.

"We didn't play well enough to win tonight," McElligott said. "They gave us opportunities at the end, missing one-and-ones. … We had a lot of empty possessions. We didn't play real well defensively. We got killed on 50/50 balls. They were the first ones to the balls, (while) we were left standing around while they were getting loose balls. We fought our way back, but didn't play well enough to win."

Hermiston will finish non-league play on Friday at La Salle (7-5) with a 7:15 tip-off.

SUNNYSIDE 47, HERMISTON 45

SHS (1-11)	12	12	13	10	— 47
HHS (3-10)	10	13	11	11	— 45

SUNNYSIDE — T. Sanchez 18, A. Pala 9, A. Herrera 5, N. Maltos, 0, J. Naranjo 0, V. Valle 2, J. Ramirez 0, M. Prieto 10, T. Cuello-Rosalez 0, A. Garza 3.

HERMISTON — C. Flores 4, J. Ruiz 0, T. Neal 1, K. Crafton 9, A. Naillon 10, K. Hamlin 0, D. Zimmerly 12, C. Knutz 7, L. Gammell 0, C. Lloyd 0, C. Smith 2, B. Palmer 0.

3-point field goals — Sunnyside 3, Hermiston 3. **Free throws** — Sunnyside 6-13, Hermiston 1-5. **Fouled out** — A. Naillon (HHS). **Fouls** — Sunnyside 12, Hermiston 15.

PREPS: Irrigon beats Horizon Christian in non-league play

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ter one quarter, but once the Bucks figured out how the game was going to be called they turned up the intensity, Broaddus said.

"We didn't start with the same kind of intensity that (La Grande) did. They were kind of killing us getting loose balls and rebounds," he said. "Everywhere we go the officiating is different so it takes the kids awhile to figure out how hard they're going to be able to play."

Wes Persinger and Caden Smith each scored 16 points to lead Pendleton.

Broaddus said he couldn't recall if La Grande ever caught the Bucks in the second half, but they were close enough to make him sweat.

"That's a great road win against a quality team," he said. "I would be surprised if they didn't make it to state in 4A and probably contend for a trophy."

PENDLETON 62, LA GRANDE 58

PHS (8-4)	8	23	16	15	— 62
LGHS (10-4)	14	10	14	20	— 58

PENDLETON — Wes Persinger 16, Caden Smith 16, S. Green 14, K. Quinn 7, Q. Cockburn 2, J. Bradt 2, L. Winterton 2, T. Hancock.

LA GRANDE — Brandon Dall 18, Jake Powell 18, A. Peasley 13, K. Boyd 5, D. Yohannan 3, B. Kreutz, I. Cranford, D. Hively, Z. Jacobs.

3-pt field goals — PHS 3, LGHS 11. **Free throws** — PHS 17-26, LGHS 8-12. **Fouls** — PHS 14, LGHS 21. **Fouled out** — Powell (LGHS).

IRRIGON 74, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 53 — At Irrigon, the Knights weren't frustrated by the Hawks' high-pressure defense and made the most of several trips to the free throw line on Tuesday in non-league play.

Irrigon (11-1) was 30 of 40 at the charity stripe in a game that saw Class 1A Horizon Christian attempt another 30 free throws.

"We did a pretty good job of moving without the ball and then driving when we got the ball and finishing hard," said Irrigon coach Mitch Thompson. "We got to the foul line throughout the game but we executed well. Horizon Christian does a great job playing man-to-man defense and so it kind of came down to conditioning and making free throws."

Adrian Romero led all scorers with 25 points for the Knights, which won their third straight. Zach Rice (14 points), Anthony Landeros (14) and Fredy Vera (13) rounded out another balanced game by the Irrigon offense, which is averaging 71.8 points a night.

Mason Bloomster led Horizon Christian (11-3) with 17 points, but was one of three Hawks to foul out.

Irrigon outscored Horizon Christian 47-24 in the first and fourth quarters combined.

IRRIGON 74, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 53

HCHS (11-3)	11	12	17	13	— 53
IHS (11-1)	22	15	12	25	— 74

HORIZON CHRISTIAN — Mason Bloomster 17, J. Davis 15, R. Hicks 8, W. Johnson 4, E. Evans 3, R. Aldrich 2, N. Anderson 2, K. Brown, L. Holste, J. Bryan, I. Walker.

IRRIGON — Adrian Romero 25, Z. Rice 14, A. Landeros 13, F. Vera 13, R. Reynolds 3, A. Timpy 3, H. White 3, N. Verley, A. Rice, O. Romero.

3-point field goals — HCHS 8, IHS 4. **Free throws** — HCHS 23-30, IHS 30-40. **Fouls** — HCHS 20, IHS 20. **Fouled out** — Bloomster, Aldrich, Johnson (HCHS), Landeros, Vera (IHS).

Girls Basketball

IRRIGON 56, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 32 — At Irrigon, Jada Burns had 26 points and the Knights (5-6) outscored the 1A Hawks 34-11 in the second half to win their final non-league game of the season.

"We played smarter, made the extra pass, and got our inside players involved in the second half," said first-year Knights coach Mike Royer.

Burns' point total was a season high, and teammate Kelly McLaughlin also scored her most points in a game this year with 13. She added a team-high six rebounds.

Anna Ayala chipped in solid all-around game with seven points, five rebounds and three steals.

It was the sixth loss in a row for Horizon Christian (3-9).

Irrigon will be looking for its first league win this weekend against Heppner and Weston-McEwen.

IRRIGON 56, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 32

HCHS (3-9)	8	13	4	7	— 32
IHS (5-6)	7	15	17	17	— 56

HORIZON CHRISTIAN — Trista Hicks 10, P. Finn 7, J. Hicks 4, S. Halseth 3, S. Ryan 3, H. Kempf 2, M. Roberts 2, H. Lingel 1, A. Ruiz. H. Becnel.

IRRIGON — Jada Burns 26, K. McLaughlin 13, A. Ayala 7, B. Aguilera 4, C. Case 3, H. Vera 3, L. Mills, D. Roybal.

3-pt field goals — HCHS 1, IHS 3. **Free throws** — HCHS 9-15, IHS 13-34. **Fouls** — HCHS 22, IHS 14. **Fouled out** — none.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday
Riverside at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Friday
Culver at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m.
Baker at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at La Salle Prep, 7:15 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Helix, 7:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Heppner, 7:30 p.m
Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Ione at Mitchell/Spray, 7:30 p.m.
Powder Valley at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Pilot Rock at Culver, 4 p.m.
South Wasco County at Ione, 5:30 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.
Heppner at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Joseph, 5:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 5:30 p.m.
Arlington at Sherman, 5:30 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.
Dufur at Condon/Wheeler, 5:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Irrigon, 5:30 p.m.
Nyssa at Riverside, 6 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday
Riverside at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Pendleton at La Grande, 7 p.m.
Friday
Culver at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Hermiston at La Salle Prep, 5:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Powder Valley at Echo, 6 p.m.
Ione at Mitchell/Spray, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Helix, 6 p.m.
Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
Irrigon at Heppner, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Pilot Rock at Culver, 2:30 p.m.
Arlington at Sherman, 4 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 4 p.m.
Nixyaawwi at Pine Eagle, 4 p.m.
Helix at Joseph, 4 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 4 p.m.
South Wasco County at Ione, 4 p.m.
Dufur at Condon/Wheeler, 4 p.m.
Heppner at Stanfield, 4 p.m.
Nyssa at Riverside, 4 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Irrigon, 4 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Friday
Hermiston, Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Heppner at Oregon Wrestling Classic (Redmond), 8 a.m.
Saturday
Hermiston, Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Heppner at Oregon Wrestling Classic (Redmond), 8 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at La Grande, Noon

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday
Eastern Oregon at NW Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Blue Mountain at Big Bend 8 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Spokane, 4 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Corban, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday
Eastern Oregon at NW Christian 5:30 p.m.
Blue Mountain at Big Bend 6 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Spokane, 2 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Corban, 5:30 p.m.

Football

NFL

Conference Championships
Sunday
Green Bay at Seattle, 12:05 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at New England, 3:40 p.m. (CBS)

Basketball

NBA

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 105, Philadelphia 87
Washington 101, San Antonio 93
Minnesota 110, Indiana 101
Phoenix 107, Cleveland 100
Golden State 116, Utah 105
Dallas 108, Sacramento 104, OT
Miami 78, L.A. Lakers 75
Today's Games
Houston at Orlando, 4 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Memphis at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 6 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New York vs. Milwaukee at London, England, Noon
Oklahoma City at Houston, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Men

Top 25
Tuesday's Games
1. Kentucky (16-0) beat Missouri 86-37.
2. Virginia (16-0) beat Clemson 65-42.
4. Duke (14-1) lost to Miami 90-74.
6. Louisville (15-2) beat Virginia Tech 78-63.
9. Kansas (14-2) beat No. 24 Oklahoma State 67-57.
16. West Virginia (15-2) beat No. 18 Oklahoma 86-65.
17. VCU (14-3) beat Rhode Island 65-60.
19. Arkansas (13-3) lost to Tennessee 74-69.
21. Seton Hall (13-4) lost to Butler 79-75, OT.
23. N. Iowa (15-2) beat Bradley 63-52.
Today's Games
No. 5 Villanova vs. Xavier, 6 p.m.
No. 11 Iowa State at No. 22 Baylor, 6 p.m.
No. 12 Notre Dame at Georgia Tech, 4 p.m.
No. 13 Wichita State vs. Southern Illinois, 5 p.m.
No. 14 Maryland vs. Rutgers, 4 p.m.
No. 15 North Carolina at N.C. State, 4 p.m.
No. 25 Wyoming vs. San Diego State, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
No. 3 Gonzaga at Pepperdine, 7:30 p.m.
No. 7 Wisconsin vs. Nebraska, 6 p.m.
No. 8 Utah at Arizona State, 7 p.m.
No. 10 Arizona vs. Colorado, 6 p.m.

Pac-12

	Conf.	Ovr.	Pct.
Utah	3-0	13-2	.867
Stanford	3-1	11-4	.733
Arizona	2-1	14-2	.875
Oregon	2-1	12-4	.750
Oregon St.	2-1	11-4	.733
Colorado	2-1	9-6	.600
Washington St.	2-1	8-7	.533
UCLA	2-2	10-7	.588
California	1-3	11-6	.647
Southern Cal	1-3	9-7	.563
Washington	0-3	11-4	.733
Arizona St.	0-3	8-8	.500

Today's Games
UCLA at USC, 6 p.m.
Stanford at California, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Colorado at Arizona, 6 p.m.
Oregon State at Washington, 6 p.m.
Utah at Arizona State, 7 p.m.
Oregon at Washington State, 8 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

Tuesday's Games
Carolina 3, Colorado 2, SO
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3
Detroit 3, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Pittsburgh 7, Minnesota 2
St. Louis 4, Edmonton 2
Nashville 5, Vancouver 1
Winnipeg 8, Florida 2
Dallas 5, Ottawa 4
San Jose 3, Arizona 2
Today's Games
Montreal at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Winnipeg at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Calgary at Arizona, 6 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

WHL

Tuesday's games
Brandon 2, Edmonton 1
Red Deer 5, Lethbridge 3
Seattle 5, Spokane 4 (SO)
Today's games
Kootenay at Moose Jaw, 5 p.m.
Regina at Medicine Hat, 6 p.m.
Red Deer at Calgary, 6 p.m.
Portland at Kamloops, 7 p.m.
Tri-City at Kelowna, 7:05 p.m.