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Weisner lifts No. 9 Beavers over UW

CORVALLIS (AP) — Jamie Weisner felt the best way for her to help Oregon State was to score, especially with



Washington's defense swarming Beavers center Ruth Hamblin with weak-side help.

"That opened up the outside for me to hit open shots," Weisner said.

The junior guard scored 26 points, shooting 6-of-9 on 3-pointers, and No. 9 Oregon State held off Washington 75-67 Monday night.

Hamblin added 19 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks for the Beavers (16-1, 6-0 Pac-12), who only have lost at Tennessee this season.

Nationals reel in big fish Scherzer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprising move to upgrade an already imposing rotation, the Washington Nationals agreed to a seven-year contract with 2013

FACES



Scherzer

AL Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer that will pay him \$210 million total with a record \$50 million signing bonus, according to

a person familiar with the negotiations.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no deal had been announced.

Scherzer, a 30-year-old right-handed starter, became a free agent after spending the past five seasons with the Detroit Tigers. He turned down an offer from Detroit last March that would have paid him \$144 million from 2015-20.

He was 18-5 with a 3.15 ERA in 2014, a year after going 21-3 with a 2.90 ERA and being voted the best pitcher in the American League.

"Having coached on three Super Bowl teams and 11 playoff teams, Gary knows what it will take to deliver another world championship to Denver."

— John Elway

Denver Broncos general manager after hiring Gary Kubiak as the team's next head coach on Monday. Kubiak was Elway's backup quarterback from 1983-91 and served as Denver's offensive coordinator from 1995-2005. Kubiak went 63-66 in eight seasons as head coach of the Houston Texans, including 2-2 in the playoffs. He was Baltimore's offensive coordinator this season.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1891 — The International YMCA in Springfield, Mass., is the site of the first official basketball game. Peach baskets are used, but it isn't until 1905 that the baskets' bottoms are removed.

1980 — President Carter announces the U.S. will not participate in the Summer Olympics in Moscow to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan the previous month.

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NBA

Trail Blazers snap losing streak

By NICK DASCHIEL
Associated Press



PORTLAND — Damian Lillard scored 22 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:20 remaining, and the Portland Trail Blazers ended a three-game losing streak Monday night with a 98-94 win over the Sacramento Kings.

Lillard had six points during the final 80 seconds and helped rally the Trail Blazers (31-11) from an 11-point, second-half deficit. Wesley Matthews

scored 17 for Portland.

Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge left in the second quarter with a left hand injury and did not return. The status of Aldridge, who had 10 first-quarter points, was unknown. Aldridge leads Portland with averages of 23.5 points and 10.4 rebounds

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Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, middle, drives the key through Sacramento Kings guard Darren Collison, right, and Ben McLemore during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland on Monday.

AP Photo/Don Ryan

NFL

RIGHT: Seattle Seahawks' Ricardo Lockette celebrates after during overtime of the NFL football NFC Championship game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, in Seattle. The Seahawks won 28-22 to advance to Super Bowl XLIX.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

BELOW: Seattle Seahawks' Russell Wilson cries after overtime of the NFL football NFC Championship game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015, in Seattle.

AP Photo/David J. Phillip



Still sinking in

Unlikely comeback sends Seahawks back to Super Bowl

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — A day later, it was still hard to fathom how the Seattle Seahawks are headed for their second straight Super Bowl.

Even for those directly involved in Seattle's stunning comeback to win the NFC title.

"A little bit," said wide receiver Jermaine Kearse, who caught the winning 35-yard touchdown in overtime of Seattle's 28-22 win over Green Bay.

"But the type of guys that we have in our locker room is a bunch of different stories of different paths of how people got to where they got.

"You think about all the undrafted guys, you think about the guys that were drafted in the late rounds and rose to the occasion. I feel like our team story is full of adversity and pushing through it and that's what showed."

Just how the Seahawks rallied to stun the Packers was still being comprehended on Monday while Seattle began preparations

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STANFIELD

Tigers draw blood from three

Third quarter flurry lifts Stanfield boys over Heppner

By ERIK SKOPIAL
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — Tiger guard Erik Galarza took one dribble and went glass from three-point range on the second half's first possession against second-ranked Heppner Saturday night.

With the left elbow make Galarza issued the Mustangs a second half perimeter shooting challenge, a contest fourth-ranked Stanfield won handily on its way to a 51-46 come-from-behind victory at Stanfield High School.

Stanfield (11-2, 3-0 CBC) team-

mates Hunter Braithwaite and Tony Flores followed Galarza's lead, draining threes on the Tigers next two possessions, and less than two minutes into the half the Mustang (10-3, 1-2 CBC) nine-point halftime edge was down to three points.

"If you come out of halftime banking in a three, everybody's getting hyped up," Braithwaite said. "Especially when you're down."

Stanfield connected from deep twice more in the third quarter to whittle the Heppner lead down to one point at the end of the period.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Tigers. Two Elvis Lockwood free throws gave the Tigers a 43-42 lead — their first since 2-0 — and Stanfield never trailed again. The Mustangs managed just four fourth period points.

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C.J. Kindle (24), of Heppner, goes up for a shot against the Tigers Saturday evening in Stanfield.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney