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## Sports shorts

### Snow forces NBA to postpone Nets-Blazers game

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA has postponed home games for both the New York Knicks and Brooklyn Nets because of a snowstorm expected to batter the area.



The Knicks were to have hosted the Sacramento Kings on Monday night at the same time the Nets were scheduled to face the Portland Trail Blazers.

Sacramento will instead return to Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, March 3, adding an extra game to what was to have been a seven-game trip. The Trail Blazers-Nets game was rescheduled for Monday, April 6.

### Bryant to have surgery, likely out for season

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Kobe Bryant will have surgery Wednesday on his torn right rotator cuff, likely ending his 19th season with the Los Angeles Lakers.

The team announced Bryant's surgery Monday. He injured his shoulder last week in New Orleans.

The Lakers say they'll announce a timetable for Bryant's recovery after surgery, but coach Byron Scott says Kobe "is probably not going to play" again this season.

Bryant's torn rotator cuff is likely his third straight season-ending injury. He missed the 2013 playoffs with a torn Achilles tendon, and he played just six games last season before breaking a bone near his left knee.

The third-leading scorer in NBA history sat out eight games in the last month to rest his 36-year-old body, but he injured his shoulder while dunking.

"I'm just trying to get my 2K rating up."

### — Hassan Whiteside

Miami Heat center told ESPN on motivated him in Sunday's record-breaking performance in Miami's win over the Chicago Bulls. The reference to the popular NBA 2K15 basketball video game followed his Heat franchise-record breaking 12 shot blocks that accompanied his first career triple-double. The video game took notice, upping his overall rating from 59 to 77 following the performance.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1973 — UCLA, led by Bill Walton, sets an NCAA record for consecutive victories with its 61st win, an 82-63 victory over Notre Dame. UCLA breaks the record of 60 set by San Francisco in 1956. Walton finishes with 16 points, 15 rebounds and 10 blocks.

1991 — The New York Giants survive the closest Super Bowl when Scott Norwood's 47-yard field goal attempt with 8 seconds left in the game goes wide. The Giants win their second Super Bowl in five years, 20-19 over the Buffalo Bills.

2003 — Hermann Maier wins a World Cup super giant slalom in Kitzbuehel, Austria, 18 months after he almost loses his leg in a motorcycle crash.

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## ECHO

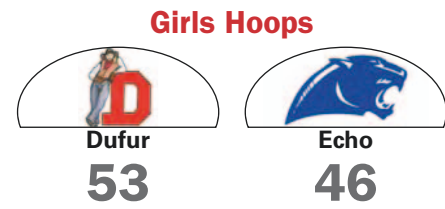
# Dufur rallies to keep streak against Echo alive

## Cougars without win over Rangers for last 15 years

By SAM BARBEE  
EO Media Group

Before Monday's girls basketball tilt between Echo and Dufur, Cougar head coach JD Brazil wrote the scores of the last 15 meetings on the whiteboard in the Echo locker room. They were all losses.

Through a half, Echo was in position to eek out its first win over Dufur in nearly



two decades, but could only manage 19 points in the final half, coming up short 53-46 Monday night in Echo.

"It seems like we were playing against the name on the shirt just as much as what (Dufur head coach Hollie) Darden is doing," Brazil said after the game. "For us,

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Elizabeth McCarty (23) of Echo drives past Dufur's Sydney Reed during the second half of the Rangers' 53-46 win over the Cougars on Monday night in Echo. McCarty finished with 22 points.

## Prep Wrestling



Hermiston's Sam Colbray (in white) tries to free himself from Crook County's Gunnar Robirts on Saturday in the championship 195-pound championship at the Reser's Tournament of Champions at Liberty High School. Robirts won 10-5 in an upset.

# Colbray stunned in Reser's final

## Hermiston star takes first instate loss of prep career

By WARNER STRAUSBAUGH  
for The East Oregonian

HILLSBORO — During introductions for Saturday's finals of the Reser's Tournament of Champions, Sam Colbray walked to center stage a confident young man.

The junior 195-pounder moseyed onto the mat. Everyone else sprinted.

"Two-time state champion, six-time All-American, national cham-

pion," the announcer read.

His confidence was almost as intimidating as his undefeated record this year.

Crook County's Gunnar Robirts paid no mind. The senior for the Cowboys was aggressive early, jumping to a four-point lead.

Saturday's crowd at Liberty High School was in an uproar at that point, especially those in the Crook County section. The 195-pound final was, by far, the loudest and most excited the crowd was all weekend.

Colbray's legendary status in the wrestling world was enough to pique their interest; the chance to see him lose was unheard of.

After the initial four-point deficit, Colbray got sloppy, later admit-

ting he thought he was trailing by more than four.

The end result was a 10-5 win for Robirts, and the first blemish on Colbray's record and only of his career wrestling in the state of Oregon.

Hermiston head coach Shaun Williams said Crook County studied Colbray's previous loss in Fargo, N.D., at nationals.

"They basically followed that same strategy," Williams said.

Colbray said it was a combination of matchup management and sickness that got the best of him.

He has been dealing with a flu-like illness for a week, and said his leg was in pain during the match.

"I know that I'm the best out there on the mat when I'm not

sick," Colbray said. "He's not going to touch me on a day when I'm not sick."

His throat, in particular, was bothering him to the point of feeling like he had less oxygen than normal, he said.

Williams did not think the sickness affected the result.

"We can all make up excuses, but at the end of the day, the other kid was the better kid on the day," Williams said. "Anytime you step on the mat, you're ready to go to battle. There are no excuses."

Colbray tested negative for strep throat during the week, but has been on antibiotics and has lost weight.

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## STANFIELD

# Landeros, Irrigon sail past Stanfield

## Guard battles through back spasms to lift Knights to win

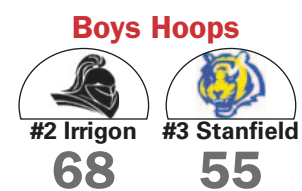
By ERIK SKOPIL  
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — Anthony Landeros left it all on the floor during Saturday's Columbia Basin Conference slugfest between Irrigon and Stanfield.

In the end, that included himself.

The Knights senior guard lay on his back in agony following the contest's final whistle, requiring a helping hand to his feet and a few teammate's shoulders to lean on on his way to the visiting locker room.

"He's so competitive. There's no way that Anthony Landeros is going to leave this gym without giving it his all," Irrigon coach Mitch Thompson said. "That's the same with all of



these guys, but Anthony especially. He's battling back spasms right now."

Even with the nagging injury, Landeros' "all" proved enough to lead the second-ranked Knights past the third-ranked Tigers 68-55 Saturday night at Stanfield High School.

An individual 9-0 run galvanized the Knights (16-1, 5-0 CBC) in the second half after the Tigers (13-3, 4-1 CBC) cut the 10-point halftime edge to just three with 5:15 remaining in the third period. Despite the inability to sit comfortably in a defensive stance, Landeros swiped Tiger ballhandlers on successive possessions leading to uncontested layins during the surge.

The Knights outscored See IRRIGON/2B



Irrigon's Anthony Landeros (11) tries to make a tough layup as Stanfield's Hunter Braithwaite (21) and Tony Flores defend during the second half of Irrigon's 65-55 win over third-ranked Stanfield on Saturday.

## College Basketball

# Beaver stars sweep Pac-12 weekly honors

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State Beaver basketball received a rare coup on Monday. Men's basketball player Gary Payton II and women's basketball player Jamie Weisner were each selected as Pac-12's top players of the week, the league announced.

Payton averaged 19.5 points, 8.5 rebounds and 3.5 steals to lead the Beavers to a home sweep of the L.A. schools. He had 18 points, seven rebounds, six assists and five steals against UCLA and followed that with a double-double against USC with 21 points and 10 rebounds. He also had a game-clinching steal and free throw in the final seconds against the Trojans.

"It's the first one in my career. I don't try to get it every week, just try to help the team," Payton said at practice Monday. "Do what I can for the team. It's nice but we've got to stay focused on the battle."

His father, the legendary Gary Payton, was named the conference player

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