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UCLA upsets Utah

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Norman Powell scored 23 points and UCLA defeated No. 11 Utah 69-59 for its first win over a Top 25 opponent this season.



Bryce Alford had 14 points and seven assists, and Isaac Hamilton added 11 points for the Bruins (12-9, 3-5 Pac-12). UCLA held a 33-30 halftime advantage and led the entire second half.

Delon Wright scored 15 points and Brandon Taylor had 14 for the Utes (16-4, 6-2). Utah has not beaten UCLA in Los Angeles since 1961.

Utah beat UCLA 71-39 the first time the teams met this season on Jan. 4 in Salt Lake City. The Bruins are 10-1 at home and 2-8 in road and neutral-site games.

Opening statements heard in Hernandez trial

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — Former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez orchestrated the killing of a semiprofessional

FACES then covered up, prosecutors charged Thursday in opening statements, while the defense countered that authorities ignored the evidence and zeroed in on their client from the beginning.

The prosecution and defense teams laid out their cases in Hernandez's murder trial Thursday, just days before his old team was to play in the Super Bowl.

Hernandez is charged with the 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée, Shayanna Jenkins. Lloyd was found shot to death in an industrial park near Hernandez's North Attleborough home, not far from Gillette Stadium.

Hernandez had a \$40 million contract as a tight end with the Patriots when he was arrested in June 2013 and charged with murder.

"He's not supposed to come on Sunday. Obviously that would change some things. But I think he's going to be a disciplined young man and stay in there until after the game."

— Richard Sherman
Seahawks CB on the possibility that his girlfriend could give birth to his first child, a son, during the Super Bowl.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1971 — UCLA starts its 88-game winning streak with a 74-61 win over UC Santa Barbara.

1983 — John Riggins rushes for a Super Bowl-record 166 yards on 38 carries to spark the Washington Redskins to a 27-17 victory over the Miami Dolphins. For Riggins, the game's MVP, it's his fourth consecutive 100-yard rushing game during the playoffs, also a record.

2010 — Andre Miller scores a career-high 52 points, including 25 in the fourth quarter and overtime, and Juwan Howard hits a jumper with 44.8 seconds left to lift the Portland Trail Blazers past the Dallas Mavericks 114-112.

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Prep Basketball

Bulldogs go on offensive

Hermiston routs Hood River

East Oregonian

HOOD RIVER — The Hermiston Bulldogs knew there would be nights like these.

That didn't cause them to let up against the Hood River Valley Eagles in a Columbia River Conference girls basketball game on Thursday, however.

The No. 2 Bulldogs routed the No. 31 Eagles 89-22, an



outcome coach Steve Hoffert said was necessary to keep Hermiston on the right path.

"We talked about it coming into league (play), that there would be nights when we wouldn't see the level of competition we were needing

to see," he said of a team with high goals for its season. "You have to basically dominate these games to get to where you want to go."

Sara Ramirez led Hermiston (14-3, 2-0) with 23 points and Jansen Edmiston added eight assists to go with her seven points. Abi Drotzmann chipped in 12 points and nine rebounds, and Kynzee Padilla grabbed eight boards.

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Prep Wrestling

Echo opens new era



Irrigon's Brandon Combs, right, takes down Echo's Colton Evans during a match at Echo's first home wrestling meet in school history on Thursday. Combs won by pinfall in the third period.

Cougar wrestlers host first duals

By SAM BARBEE
EO Media Group

At its first ever home wrestling meet, the Echo Cougars took their lumps. In two duals on the mat, Echo lost to visiting Riverside (27-24) and Irrigon (19-12).

Echo assistant coach Raymon Smith said it was good progress Thursday night because Echo grappled both Irrigon and Riverside earlier this season, and didn't win a single match. After 11 matches Thursday night, Echo wrestlers had their arms raised four times.

For Smith and the Echo program, that's the highlight of the night. That success, said senior Payton Wright, comes from simply being on the mat and learning how to wrestle.

"Experience is everything

and knowledge is power in any sport," Wright said. "Having the knowledge to know what to do now — to scramble, to chain wrestle, everything — that's a huge key."

Echo freshman Hayden Hilliard went 2-0, including a pin in just 18 seconds over Irrigon's Ammon Byers. Wright also got a pin in his only home meet.

"Once you wrestle for a long time, you can kind read kids — if they're gonna be good or aggressive or not," Hilliard said. "Right when we stepped on the mat, I kind of saw that that match was going to be pretty quick."

In Riverside's opening dual against Irrigon (a 28-6 victory), three of the four matches were pins, and the one outlier saw Ulises Calvillo defeat Brandon Combes by 14-4 decision.

Against Echo, it was slightly more difficult for the Pirates. Hilliard and Wright both got wins over Pirates by way of pins, Edgar Guzman slipped past Colton Evans 15-14, and Ivan Escobedo and Jason Navarro both secured pins.

For Riverside, the Pirates sent a lot of their younger, more inexperienced wrestlers to get some mat time.

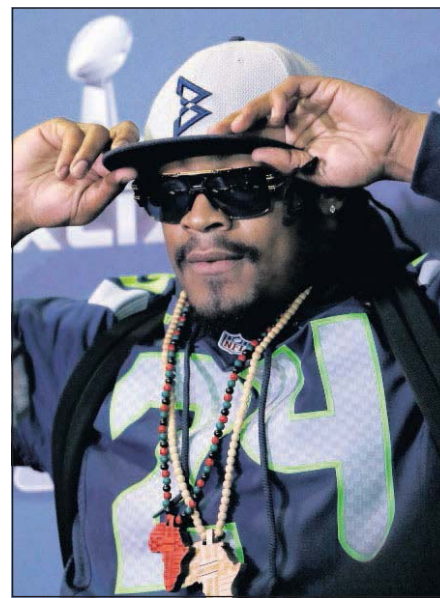
"We have some better older kids that these guys gotta piggyback on the weekends and wrestle some tournaments (and) sometimes are a little overwhelmed," Riverside head coach David Boor said. "It was a good night. It was more of their competition."

Although Riverside won each of its duals, Boor said it was a good learning experience. See WRESTLING/3B

Super Bowl XLIX

"I don't know what story y'all trying to get out of me. I don't know what image y'all trying to portray of me."

— Marshawn Lynch



Seattle Seahawks' Marshawn Lynch adjusts his cap during an interview for NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, in Phoenix.

Lynch talks about why he doesn't talk

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Marshawn Lynch changed the script and fired back at his critics.

After two days of giving only scripted answers, the Seattle Seahawks' star running back gave his most extensive comments of Super Bowl week, mostly telling reporters why he won't talk to them.

"I don't know what story y'all trying to get out of me. I don't know what image y'all trying to portray of me," Lynch said Thursday. "But it don't matter what y'all think, what y'all say about me because when I go home at night, the same people that I look in the face — my family that I love, that's all that really matter to me. So y'all can go make up whatever y'all want to make

up because I don't say enough for y'all to go and put anything out on me."

When Lynch arrived at the podium, a man with a reporter's credential who said he was a teacher asked him to give his students a "shoutout."

But Lynch wouldn't bite and began his unscripted statement.

"Y'all shove cameras and microphones down my throat," Lynch continued. "But when I'm at home in my environment, I don't see y'all, but y'all mad at me. And if you ain't mad at me, then what y'all here for? I ain't got nothing for y'all, though. I told y'all that."

Lynch, who had spurned reporters' efforts to get him to talk at mandatory news conferences Tuesday and Wednesday, seemed frustrated that they were still trying.

"I'm here preparing for a game. And y'all want to ask me these questions, which is understandable. I could get down with that. But I told y'all, I'm not about to say nothing. ... All of my requirements are fulfilled."



Preview on 2B

College Basketball

No. 3 Gonzaga outlasts PSU

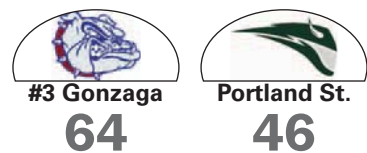
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Kevin Pangos launched a long 3-pointer that missed early in the second half against Portland.

But third-ranked Gonzaga rebounded the ball and it came back out to Pangos, who shot from about the same place and sank that 3 to help break open a close game and lift the Bulldogs to a 64-46 victory Thursday night.

"He's an amazing player and a more amazing person," coach Mark Few said of Pangos, who became the leading 3-point shooter in school history earlier in the game.

Few noted that Pangos practices his shooting every night, long after



practice has ended.

"There's a reason this happens," Few said. "He comes down here every single night."

Domantas Sabonis had 13 points and 11 rebounds as the Bulldogs extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 37 games dating to 2012.

Przemek Karnowski added 10 points and 11 rebounds for Gonzaga (21-1, 10-0 West Coast Conference), whose only loss was in overtime at then-No. 3 Arizona.

NBA

Aldridge added, Lillard snubbed

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Al Horford, Paul Millsap and Jeff Teague were picked Thursday as reserves for the Eastern Conference All-Star team, giving the sizzling Atlanta Hawks three selections.

Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook were selected in the West, despite early season injuries for the Oklahoma City stars. The Miami Heat also had two reserves in Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade.

But Portland surprisingly only had one in LaMarcus Aldridge. Point guard Damian Lillard was not among the seven reserves even though the Trail

Blazers are tied for third in the conference and he is averaging 21.8 points.

The rest of the West reserves for the Feb. 15 game at Madison Square Garden in New York are James Harden (Houston), Klay Thompson (Golden State), Tim Duncan (San Antonio) and Chris Paul (Clippers).

Head coaches in each conference had to vote for two guards, three frontcourt players and two players regardless of position. They couldn't vote for players on their own teams.

Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, last year's All-Star game MVP, and first-timer Jimmy Butler of Chicago were the other players announced to the East roster.