

# Irrigon saves finale win over Stanfield

Landeros nets 21 in the win; Grogan has 24 in loss

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It wasn't the way that Irrigon drew it up, but they'll take it.

The top-ranked Knights blew a big lead second-half lead, but held on to down the Stanfield Tigers 67-63 in the regular season finale at Irrigon on senior night.

Dylan Grogan led all scorers with 24 points — including a near-half court shot at the final buzzer — and Anthony Landeros had 21 points. Irrigon seals the top seed in the 2A Columbia Basin Conference district tournament and Stanfield claims the tiebreaker with Heppner with more points scored.

"It still shows we have a lot to work on, things to get better at moving to districts," Irrigon senior Landeros said after playing in his "emotional" final regular season game in Irrigon.

Disappointment wouldn't be the right word to use for Irrigon and its win, but satisfied wouldn't be correct either. Both Landeros and Irrigon (21-1, 10-0) head coach Mitch Thompson were happy to win, but saw more negatives than positives afterward.

"Being able to fight through adversity, staying together mentally (are important)," Thompson said. "Teams are gonna have run, and (Saturday) was a good example of that. We gotta be able to fight through those runs and weather storms. We can't ask for the storm to change we gotta be able to change in that storm."

Basically the entire second half was a storm for the Knights.

After dominating the first to the tune of a 39-22 lead that saw 11 Stanfield turnovers, the Tigers battled back throughout the entirety

of the second half. Stanfield outscored Irrigon 41-28, but couldn't finish off the comeback on the road.

"I thought defensively we weren't as ... making them do things they didn't want to do," Stanfield head coach Daniel Sharp said. "They were 39 or 38 at halftime. That's a lot. They were just playing well."

For Stanfield (17-5, 7-3), though, the mood was chipper after a loss.

"We just went out to have fun," Grogan said. "This game (didn't) matter. We just wanted to win and have fun."

Early on, Irrigon was jumping passing lanes and converting those into layups like they've done all year. Stanfield, though did lead early on when Grogan's 2-pointer gave the Tigers an early 6-5 lead. Stanfield again led in the first quarter when Eric Galarza's jumper went down with two minutes left to give the Tigers a 10-9 lead.

It would be the last time Stanfield was on top.

AJ Timpy hit a 3 then made two free throws on the next possession, then Landeros got two off a turnover to close the 7-0 run that ended the first quarter. But it wouldn't stop there. Zach Rice hit a 3-ball on the Knights first possession in the second quarter and Landeros followed it with a steal, layup, foul, free throw sequence that gave Irrigon a 22-10 lead. The 13-0 lasted just over two minutes and pushed Stanfield back on its heels.

The margin would fluctuate between ten and as many as 15 until Vera hit a 3-pointer with 1:23 left to end the half with Irrigon up 39-22.

Then the storm began. Sort of.

Grogan had five points in the first minute that bookended a Rice 3-ball. With 4:02, though, Irrigon led by 19, the largest lead of the night. Then, the rain finally started to fall and the winds picked up.

# Blazers rest up for second half

Portland has same record as last year at All-Star break

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PORTLAND — The Trail Blazers are 36-17, the same record they had at last year's All-Star break. But the feeling this time is more of relief than congratulation.

After a fast start, with just four losses in the first 21 games, Portland was hit by injuries. Its starters have missed a combined 35 games.

Still, the Blazers lead the Northwest Division and are tied for third in the Western Conference.

"I like what we've done. We've had more adversity this year than last year and we've done a good job of fighting through it," coach Terry Stotts said. "We still have a lot of games to go and by no means is it over, but at this point last year we stayed healthy and were the surprise team. This has a different feel to it."

Last season, the Blazers had the same starting lineup in every game going into the All-Star break. Portland went on to win 54 games and advanced to the Western Conference semifinals for the first time since 2000. This season they've played 13 different starting lineups.

Center Robin Lopez was out for 23 games after he fractured his right hand Dec. 15 against San Antonio. The 7-footers' absence was felt; the Blazers went 13-10 without him.

But more than his rebounding and defense, Lopez is a steady force. LaMarcus Aldridge is more creative on the floor when Lopez takes the pressure off him. Aldridge, who started in Sunday's All-Star game, is averaging 23.6 points and 10.3 rebounds. He has 27 double-doubles this season, ninth in the league.

There was injury drama surrounding Aldridge, too. In a span of just 48 hours late in January, Aldridge re-



Portland Trail Blazers' LaMarcus Aldridge works against Los Angeles Lakers' Ed Davis during an NBA game in Portland on Wednesday Feb. 11.

signed himself to thumb surgery that would sideline him for up to six weeks. Then he reversed himself and decided to play through the pain.

Aldridge hurt his thumb when his hand came down on the knee of Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins in the second quarter of a victory over the Kings on Jan. 19. Aldridge said the injury to his nonshooting hand still causes him discomfort.

"It feels OK," Aldridge said last week before heading off to his fourth All-Star appearance. "I've had it hit a few times and it hasn't been too bad."

The front court has struggled because of Nicolas Batum's sore right wrist, which has caused him to miss six games. Backup center Joel Freeland has missed 20 games and counting with a right shoulder sprain.

Portland's stability has been its backcourt. Although Damian Lillard has struggled at times with uncharacteristic inconsistency, especially from 3-point range, he's averaging 21.5 points and 6.3 assists.

Matthews has 161 3-pointers this

season, tying him with Golden State's Steph Curry and Atlanta's Kyle Korver for the most in the league. Matthews is riding a career-best streak of 13 games with multiple 3-pointers.

Matthews said that Portland's ability to overcome injuries is a "testament to us getting better."

"We're just going to continue to get healthier — hopefully. We already hit the injury bug. It's over, so out of sight, out of mind," he said. "But our bench has developed and guys have played minutes that maybe they wouldn't have if guys were healthy. That just strengthens our team."

Meanwhile, talk persists that the Blazers will make a move before Thursday's trade deadline. Wilson Chandler and Arron Afflalo are some of the names connected to Portland. The Blazers don't return to the court until Friday at Utah.

"It's nice to have this break just to relax, take care of our bodies and to do something else," Batum said. "And come back stronger."

# Wiese hits six 3s to lift No. 8 OSU

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State Coach Scott Rueck said that with his team's heart, effort and hustle, he wasn't worried about a letdown against Arizona.

"They bring it every single day to practice. It's a lifestyle. It doesn't matter who, where, when. Any game, all the time," the Beavers coach added.

Sydney Wiese scored 20 points, hitting six 3-pointers, to help No. 8 Oregon State follow up a big win over Arizona State on Friday with a 73-48 rout of Arizona on Sunday.

Wiese set Oregon State's career record for 3-pointers against Arizona State on Friday. The sophomore now has 186 in her two years.

As usual, Wiese credited her hot shooting to the play calls and teammates' passes and screens.

"I always say I have the easy job just to make the shot, and they were open today," she said.

Jamie Weisner added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Beavers (23-2, 13-1 Pac-12).

But the game wasn't just about the long ball. The Beavers outrebounded Arizona 48-22, and, at times on offense, pounded the ball down low. The tallest player on the Wildcats roster stands 6-foot-1, and Oregon State has six players taller, including center Ruth Hamblin at 6-foot-6.

## Men's hoops

**UCLA 72, OREGON 63** — In Los Angeles, Norman Powell bounced back from a four-point game with a double-digit effort and monster jam that moved UCLA into a second-place tie in the Pac-12.

Powell scored 23 points, Kevon Looney added 18 and

UCLA defeated Oregon 72-63 Saturday to tie the Ducks in the league standings with five games remaining.

The Bruins (16-10, 8-5) won their second straight and fifth in their last six games while improving to 13-1 at Pauley Pavilion this season.

"We're really just playing well and it's really helping us," said Tony Parker, who had nine points. "Norman has been making big plays. He caught my lob, one of my Chris Paul plays of the day."

Powell ended the first half with a monster dunk that he rated among the top five of his four-year career.

**USC 68, OREGON STATE 55** — In Los Angeles, apparently all Southern California needed to snap its nine-game losing streak was a heavy dose of Elijah Stewart.

The freshman guard scored 19 points, making a career-high five 3-pointers, and the Trojans ended their skid with a win over Oregon State on Saturday.

The Trojans (10-15, 2-11 Pac-12) outscored the Beavers 42-27 in the second half to overcome a 28-26 halftime deficit. Katin Reinhardt added 16 points, Julian Jacobs had 14 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and Nikola Jovanovic had eight points and five rebounds for USC.

"They probably weren't expecting me to come out and shoot the way I did because I'd been in a slump," said Stewart, who had just total 24 points in the first 12 conference games.

Langston Morris-Walker scored 17 points and Gary Poyton II had 11 points, eight rebounds, six steals and four assists to lead Oregon State (16-9, 7-6).

Malcolm Duvivier and Daniel Gomis added 10 points apiece.



West Team's Russell Westbrook, of the Oklahoma City Thunder goes up for a dunk during the NBA All-Star basketball game.

# Westbrook shines

NEW YORK (AP) — Mixing Broadway and basketball, this NBA All-Star Game was a West Side Story.

Russell Westbrook scored 41 points, one shy of the All-Star record, and the Western Conference beat the East 163-158 on Sunday night in the highest-scoring All-Star Game ever.

The Oklahoma City speedster had a record 27 points by halftime and closed out the scoring with two free throws, falling one point shy of Wilt Chamberlain's 42 points in the 1962 game. He was voted the game's MVP at Madison Square Garden.

The NBA's return to New York showed off everything about the Big Apple, and by the time Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" played after the game, it was clear Westbrook was king of the hill.

## SCOREBOARD

### Sports slate

#### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday**  
Vale at Umatilla, 6:30 p.m.  
Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.  
Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Weston-McEwen vs. Pilot Rock (Hermiston HS), 7 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
Hood River Valley at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Pendleton at The Dalles, 7 p.m.  
Stanfield vs. Heppner, 8:45 p.m. (Pendleton Convention Center), TBD

**Saturday**  
Big Sky League district tournament (Hermiston HS), TBD  
Old Oregon League district tournament (Baker HS), TBD  
Columbia Basin Conference district tournament (Pendleton Convention Center), TBD

#### PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday**  
Nyssa at Umatilla, 5 p.m.  
The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Ione at Arlington, 6 p.m.  
Culver vs. Stanfield, 6 p.m. (Armand Larive MS, Hermiston)  
**Friday**  
Hermiston at Hood River Valley, 7 p.m.  
The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.  
Heppner vs. Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m. (Pendleton Convention Center), TBD

**Saturday**  
Big Sky League district tournament (Hermiston HS), TBD  
Old Oregon League district tournament (Baker HS), TBD  
Columbia Basin Conference district tournament (Pendleton Convention Center), TBD

#### PREP WRESTLING

**Friday**  
Riverside, Echo at Special District 1 Tournament (Armand Larive MS, Hermiston), 5 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Riverside, Echo at Special District 1 Tournament (Armand Larive MS, Hermiston), 10 a.m.  
Heppner, Irrigon at Special District 4 Tournament (Enterprise), TBD

#### PREP SWIMMING

**Friday**  
Pendleton at State Championships (Gresham), 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Pendleton at State Championships (Gresham), 6:45 p.m.

#### COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 7:30 p.m.  
Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Blue Mountain at Yakima Valley, 4 p.m.  
Eastern Oregon at Evergreen, 7:30 p.m.  
**COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 5:30 p.m.  
Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Blue Mountain at Yakima Valley, 2 p.m.  
Eastern Oregon at Evergreen, 5:30 p.m.  
**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

**Friday**  
Eastern Oregon vs. British Columbia (NW Cup, Clackamas), 1 p.m.  
Eastern Oregon vs. Simpson (NW Cup, Clackamas), 3 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Eastern Oregon vs. Simpson (NW Cup, Clackamas), 11 a.m.

**Sunday**  
Eastern Oregon vs. Carroll (NW Cup, Clackamas), 11 a.m.  
Eastern Oregon vs. George Fox (NW Cup, Clackamas), 1 p.m.

### Wrestling

#### Greater Oregon League Championship results

106 — Cole Rohan (La Grande) def. Dawson Dollahide (Baker), PF: 53  
113 — Francisco Barrera (Ontario) def. Corey Isaacson (La Grande), MD 11-3  
120 — Riley Chester (Mac-Hi) def. James Ah-Hee (Baker), PF: 5-16  
126 — Jeff Kovach (Ontario) def. Chance Frederick (La Grande), 5-2  
132 — Elijah Livingston (La Grande) def. Jesus Perez (Ontario), PF: 4-35  
138 — Marco Vela (Baker) def. Gabe McAlester (Mac-Hi), PF: 5-46  
145 — Johnny Carpenter (Ontario) def. Cole Skramstad (Mac-Hi), 7-6  
152 — Alyx Shaw (Mac-Hi) def. JC Carrillo (Ontario), PF: 3:09  
160 — Jeffery Jones (Mac-Hi) def. Gage McAvoy (Ontario), PF: 1:01  
170 — Vince Roff (Mac-Hi) def. Peter Baker (Baker), SV: 5-1  
182 — Erik Garcia (Ontario) def. Jacob Chaney (Mac-Hi), PF: 2:42  
195 — Trenten Shafer (La Grande) def. Joshua Torres (Mac-Hi), MD 18-7  
220 — Jacob Podolski (Mac-Hi) def. Spencer Wells (Mac-Hi), PF: 1:03  
285 — Gregory Moreno (Mac-Hi) def. Will Goodwin (Baker), PF: 2:54  
Mac-Hi state qualifiers: Zach Crisman (106 lb, 3rd); Riley Chester (120 lb, 1st); Gabe McAlester (138 lb, 2nd); Cole Skramstad (145 lb, 2nd); Alyx Shaw (152 lb, 1st); Kaden Kilburg (152 lb, 3rd); Jeffery Jones (160 lb, 1st); Vince Roff (170 lb, 1st); Jacob Chaney (182 lb, 2nd); Justin Carlson (182 lb, 3rd); Joshua Torres (195 lb, 2nd); Jacob Podolski (220 lb, 1st); Spencer Wells (220 lb, 2nd); Gregory Moreno (285 lb, 1st).

### Basketball

**NCAA Basketball**  
Tuesday's scores  
Miami 89, Boston College 86, 20  
Monmouth (NJ) 69, Marist 65  
NJIT 89, Maine-Fort Kent 55  
Villanova 80, Seton Hall 54  
West Virginia 62, Kansas 61

#### Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1	Kentucky (65)	25-0	1,625	1
2	Virginia	23-1	1,524	2
3	Gonzaga	26-1	1,475	3
4	Duke	22-2	1,449	4
5	Wisconsin	23-2	1,387	5
6	Villanova	23-2	1,302	6
7	Arizona	22-3	1,213	7
8	Kansas	21-4	1,195	8
9	Utah	20-4	1,051	11
10	Notre Dame	22-4	1,038	10
11	Iowa	24-2	955	13
12	Louisville	20-5	892	9
13	Wichita St.	23-3	862	15
14	Iowa St.	19-6	761	14
15	North Carolina	18-7	658	12
16	Maryland	21-5	640	19
17	Oklahoma	17-8	554	17
18	Arkansas	20-5	476	24
19	Baylor	18-7	456	18
20	Butler	18-7	364	16
21	SMU	21-5	299	25
22	Oklahoma St.	17-8	240	21
23	West Virginia	19-6	154	21
24	Ohio St.	19-7	139	23
25	VCU	19-6	109	20

Others receiving votes: Texas 70, San Diego St. 64, Providence 44, Murray St. 38, Temple 28, Georgetown 23, Michigan St. 17, Dayton 10, Texas A&M 8, Valparaiso 8, Indiana 7.

### Pac-12 Men

Team	Conference	Overall
Arizona	10-2	22-3
Utah	10-2	20-4
Oregon	8-5	18-8
UCLA	8-5	16-10
Stanford	7-6	16-9
Oregon St	7-6	16-9
California	6-7	16-10
Arizona St	5-7	13-12
Colorado	5-7	12-12
Washington St	5-8	11-14
Washington	3-10	14-11
USC	2-11	10-15

### Wednesday

UCLA at Arizona State, 6 p.m.  
Colorado at Oregon, 8 p.m.

### Thursday

USC at Arizona, 6 p.m.  
Utah at Oregon State, 8 p.m.

### Saturday

California at Stanford, 3:30 p.m.  
UCLA at Arizona, 6 p.m.  
Colorado at Oregon State, 8 p.m.

### Pac-12 Women

Team	Conference	Overall
Oregon St	13-1	23-2
Arizona St	11-3	22-4
California	11-3	19-6
Stanford	11-3	19-7
Washington	8-6	19-7
UCLA	6-8	14-11
Washington St	5-9	14-11
Oregon	5-9	12-13
Colorado	4-10	11-14
Arizona	2-12	9-16
Utah	2-12	8-17

### West Coast Conference Women

Team	Conference	All Games			
Gonzaga	W L Pct	W L Pct			
Washington	14 0	100 26	1 .963		
Saint Mary's (Cal)	11	75	19	6 .760	
BYU	10	5	687	20	8 .714
Pepperdine	8	7	533	15	11 .577
Portland	7	7	500	16	6 .615
San Diego	7	8	467	14	13 .519
Santa Clara	5	9	357	11	15 .423
San Francisco	4	0	286	10	16 .385
Loyola Marymount	4	1	267	8	19 .296
Pacific	2	12	143	10	16 .385

### Golf

#### PGA FedExCup Leaders Chart

Through Feb. 15

Name	Pts	Wts	10s	Finish	Chg
1. Jimmy Walker	1,086	1	4	T21	-
2. Robert Streb	879	1	5	DNP	-
3. Bubba Watson	833	1	3	DNP	-
4. Jason Day	810	1	3	T4	+3
5. Brandt Snedeker	766	1	4	T1	+38
6. Charley Hoffman	757	2	DNP	-2	-
7. Sang-Moon Bae	756	1	3	DNP	-2
8. Brooks Koepka	721	1	3	DNP	-2
9. Patrick Reed	704	1	1	T29	-
10. Ben Martin	684	1	1	DNP	-2
11. Ryan Moore	643	1	1	DNP	-1
12. Hideki Matsuyama	619	0	4	DNP	-1
13. Bill Haas	616	1	1	DNP	-1
14. Scott Piercy	546	0	2	DNP	-1
15. Shawn Stefani	539	0	2	DNP	-1
16. Harris English	503	0	2	DNP	-1
17. Nick Watney	495	0	2	2+45	-
18. Matt Kuchar	494	0	2	DNP	-2
19. Kevin Streelman	473	0	1	DNP	-2
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