

# SWEET: Zags, UCLA to rematch

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The Atlantic Coast Conference and Pac-12 entered the round of 32 as the only leagues with three or more teams not to lose a game. The ACC is 11-1 with Virginia's loss to Michigan State the only blemish. The Pac-12 is 7-1 following Oregon's loss to top-seeded Wisconsin.

Here are some story lines to watch as the Sweet 16 approaches:

## REMATCH REPLAYS:

Two of the eight games in the regional semifinals will be rematches from the regular season.

UCLA and Gonzaga met on Dec. 13 in Los Angeles, and the then-No. 9 Zags came away with an 87-74 victory. Kyle Wiltjer scored 24 points and Byron Wesley added 20 points for Gonzaga.

Bryce Alford scored 23 points and Isaac Hamilton added 18 for UCLA.

Louisville and North Carolina State met in an ACC game on Feb. 14 and the visiting Wolfpack prevailed 74-65. Cat Barber had 21 points for N.C. State, which held Louisville to 33 percent shooting and outscored the Cardinals 32-16 in the paint.

"We got dominated at all five positions tonight," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said then.

Chris Jones, who was dismissed from the program last month, scored 20 points and Wayne Blackshear added 19 for then-No. 9 Louisville. Terry Rozier and Montrezl Harrell, Louisville's leading scorers, combined for 14 points.

**SWEET SEEDS:** The West Regional will be the toughest of the four in the Sweet 16 if you believe the seeds.

Top-seeded Wisconsin will play No. 4 North Carolina and second-seeded Arizona will face No. 6 Xavier in Los Angeles, a total of 13 when the seedings are added.

The Midwest is second with 16 (No. 1 Kentucky vs. No. 5 West Virginia and No. 3 Notre Dame vs. No. 7 Wichita State), while the South is next with 19 (No. 1 Duke vs. No. 5 Utah and No. 2 Gonzaga vs. No. 11 UCLA).

The last of the regionals is the East where third-seeded Oklahoma meets No. 7 Michigan State and No. 4 Louisville faces eighth-seeded North Carolina State, a total of 22.

**SPECIAL K:** When the coaches shake hands before the Duke-Utah Sweet 16 game, it will be between two men with a lot in common.

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Utah's Larry Krystkowiak probably lead the NCAA in name typos.

"I don't know how many times two Polish coaches will go against one another, where both of us are called Coach K, but he's a good friend," Krzyzewski said of Krystkowiak. "I had him on my Sirius XM show about a month ago and, boy, he was really good — really good."

**SPARTY'S PARTY:** Michigan State under Tom Izzo has become as familiar in the Sweet 16 as the guys in a school band wearing enough face paint to cover a garage.

The Spartans have reached the regional semifinals for the seventh time in the last eight years. They will face Oklahoma in Syracuse, New York.

Izzo has a 13-1 record in games in the round of 32. He was surprised a bit that this team won its second game to move on.



Gonzaga players react to beating Iowa in an NCAA tournament college basketball game in the Round of 32 in Seattle on Sunday. Gonzaga won 87-68.

# Gonzaga double trouble

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SEATTLE — Gonzaga left KeyArena roaring and Gill Coliseum in silence almost simultaneously Sunday.

The Bulldogs are grabbing the spotlight in both the men's and women's NCAA Tournament.

"It's unbelievable," Gonzaga junior guard Elle Tinkle said. "Gonzaga is such a special place. I think we're pretty spoiled as both men's and women's programs to have the support of our community ... and really people throughout the country. Throughout this year, we haven't been on some radars, but we just wanted to prove we are just as successful and just as capable of going far in the postseason."

While the second-seeded Gonzaga men ran past No. 7 seed Iowa in Seattle to reach the round of 16 for the first time since 2009, the 11th-seeded Gonzaga women were pulling off one of the biggest upsets of the women's tournament, knocking off No. 3 seed Oregon State on its home floor.

The games both tipped right around 4 p.m. PDT. And while the women were celebrating after their 76-64 win in Corvallis, Oregon, the men were wrapping up their 87-68 victory over Iowa. It's the first time in school history both programs have advanced to the round of 16.

This season, Gonzaga and Duke are the only schools to have both men's and women's teams advance to the Sweet 16. The Zags and Blue Devils could be joined by North Carolina and Louisville if their women's teams win on Monday.

Gonzaga advancing on the men's side was expected. As the No. 2 seed in the South Region, the Bulldogs had the benefit of playing in Seattle — just four hours from campus and before a partisan crowd.

"The support from the Zag nation to come out here and make this feel like a home game has been great," Byron Wesley said. "Playing on the court at this level is something I've always dreamed of and I'm just blessed to be here."

The Gonzaga women faced a more difficult task. Under first-year coach Lisa Fortier, the Bulldogs missed out on the automatic bid from the West Coast Conference after losing in the semifinals of the

conference tourney. They were awarded an at-large bid and a No. 11 seed, but had to travel to Oregon State.

The Bulldogs rolled past No. 6 seed George Washington in the opener, then stunned the host Beavers on Sunday. After building a big lead, Oregon State pulled even with 3:30 left, only to see the Bulldogs score the finally 12 points.

"We had success, but people would say we had success in certain situations," said Fortier, who was promoted after Kelly Graves left to take over at Oregon. "I've been very confident in them all year long and I think they've really learned to enjoy our new situation and our new coaching staff. Not that there was anything wrong with the old one."

Since 1999, the Gonzaga men began its run of 17 straight NCAA appearances, the Bulldogs men and women both lead the way with the most victories as a double-digit seed according to STATS. The Gonzaga men have eight, most of those coming in the infancy of the Bulldogs' rise to national prominence.

The Gonzaga women also have eight, including Sunday's upset, with most of those coming since 2009. The next closest on the women's side are Florida State, BYU, Marist and Kansas who all have four.

This trip to the regional semifinals will be the fourth since 2010 for the Gonzaga women. And just like in 2011, the Bulldogs get to go home. Gonzaga will make the 2-mile trip from campus over to the Spokane Arena where the regional will be held. Gonzaga will face either No. 2 seed Tennessee or 10th-seeded Pittsburgh in the semifinals on Saturday.

The Gonzaga men have a little longer trip. The Bulldogs have a 1,700-mile flight to Houston and face No. 11 seed UCLA in the round of 16 on Friday.

"We have got a lot of help with the administration, allowing us to grow, and just the community and our donors and everything," men's coach Mark Few said. "It takes a village, literally, to make this happen. And then through it all, it just comes down to having great players. It's always, always been about the players and being able to attract the best players, and that's what we got."



Gonzaga's Keani Albanez, right, fights Oregon State's Jamie Weisner for a rebound during Gonzaga's 76-64 victory in a college basketball game in the second round of the NCAA tournament in Corvallis on Sunday.

## Prep roundup

# 'Scots sweep at Riverside tournament

East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots found their first wins of the season Monday and earned a trip to the championship game of the Riverside baseball tournament.

In their spring break opener, the 'Scots (2-4) jumped out to a 14-0 lead over the Pilot Rock Rockets by the third inning and secured a five-inning mercy rule win in the fifth. Vince Roff ended the contest with a walk-off RBI single.

Though Weston-McEwen coach Chet Sater described the last run as "eked out," the TigerScot offense was anything but meager. Middle infielder and relief pitcher Brett Speed was 2-for-4 with four RBIs in the game, and he, Roff and Shaw Broncheau all contributed doubles.

The TigerScots then beat hosts Riverside 12-4, relying on the arm of senior Sutter Ball, who threw a complete game with 10 strikeouts and three walks. Ball allowed three runs in the first three innings, but Sater said the defense settled in behind him after some early jitters and "decided they'd win one for him."

Speed was moved up to third in the lineup for the second game, and made good in the cleanup spot with two more hits and three RBI. Roff contributed a three-run double.

The wins came on the heels of a sweep at home Saturday at the hands of Elgin. A rough sixth inning doomed the 'Scots in a 7-1 opening loss, and costly errors and walks led to a 9-5 loss in the nightcap, despite outitting the visiting Huskies 9-2.

Monday's win puts Weston-McEwen in the final game against league foe Irrigon.

WESTON-MCEWEN 16, PORTLAND CHRISTIAN 6					
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PCHS	000	51	—	6	1 6
WMHS	734	11	—	16	7 2

Sutter Ball, Lake Albert (3), Brett Speed (4) and Cedric Hall, Duckett, Osborn, Rueck and Benfield. W — Ball. L — Duckett  
2B — Roff, Broncheau, Speed.

WESTON-MCEWEN 12, RIVERSIDE 4					
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WMHS	020	431	2	—	12 8 4
RHS	210	100	0	—	4 5 5

2B — Roff. No statistics available for Riverside.

## Baseball

BOARDMAN — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots turned small ball into a big inning and won the first game 12-2 against Knappa at the Riverside softball tournament, then slugged out a 13-3 win over Riverside later that afternoon.

In the opener against Knappa, the 'Scots (4-0) held a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the fourth inning. Katy Schroeder reached first on a one-out walk, stole second base then reached third on a "perfect" bunt by Isabelle Dillow, according to coach Jeff Griggs. Schroeder then scored on a pass ball and the

floodgates opened. By the time the inning ended the 'Scots were up 12-1.

Taylor Entze drove in three runs, including a nail-in-the-coffin double in the fourth, and Jessica Lambert pitched the complete game, striking out four with two walks and allowing just one earned run.

If Lambert was good in the circle against Knappa, she was phenomenal against Riverside.

Entze, a senior, started the second game with the ball but had trouble finding her footing in the wet conditions, Griggs said. In the third inning she handed it over to Lambert, a junior, who pitched five innings in relief, allowing just one hit and striking out nine.

"That's why you have two pitchers," Griggs said. "If one needs help, the other picks her up."

Neither needed help at the plate, each driving in four runs with Lambert hitting a home run.

The TigerScots will play Harrisburg on Tuesday in the tournament finale, which Griggs said will be a good test.

WESTON-MCEWEN 12, KNAPPA 2					
	R	H	E		
KNAPPA	100	01	—	2	3 1
WMHS	110	10	—	12	13 3

K. Cameron, M. Rogers (4) and Truax.

Lambert and Peal.

2B — Keegan Shepard, Taylor Entze (WMHS).

WESTON-MCEWEN 13, RIVERSIDE 3					
	R	H	E		
WMHS	320	230	3	—	13 12 1
RHS	120	000	0	—	3 3 6

Entze, Lambert (3) and Peal. Whiteman, Cullough and Hasel.

2B — Entze (WMHS); Whiteman (Riverside). HR — Lambert (WMHS).

## Golf

The Hermiston boys golf team had its best day ever in Grandview, Washington in the last five years, the Bulldogs' best finish was second and they never had any individual break 80. Monday, Hermiston did both.

The Bulldogs shot 25-over 313 as a team, claiming the team title. Paden LaCourriere, who battled windy conditions along the back nine, held on to even par, which ended up being the lowest score of the day.

Hermiston head coach Mike Frink said the conditions started calm, but slowly picked up until it made conditions on the back-nine very difficult.

La Courriere was 2-under going into the back nine and had to work hard to keep his score from ballooning.

"It was a good round, let's put it that way," Frink said.

Keegan Crafton finished third with a 4-over 76 and beat Zillah's No. 1 player in a one-hole playoff for third place. Zac Adams, made five on his first five holes, shot 1-under 35 on the back nine to salvage a fifth-place 5-over 77.

Hermiston's next tournament is Friday, April 3 at Eagle Crest/Ridge in Redmond. The event is slated to start at 9 a.m.

# BLACKOUTS: FCC won't reinforce policy

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try," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut), "and it brings us one step closer to eliminating this anti-fan measure once and for all. This antiquated, anti-consumer rule has for too long served only to protect the NFL's bottom line at the expense of sports fans."

"I urge the FCC to take action to permanently remove the rule so that sports fans have the opportunity to cheer on their favorite teams, regardless of where they are watching."

Last September, the FCC repealed its sport blackout rules, denying reinforcement of the league's blackout policy. But the ruling did not affect the NFL's ability to maintain the blackout policy through existing broadcast contracts.

Blackouts have been a part of the NFL since the 1950s, when team owners believed showing local games would damage attendance. In 1973, the current league policy was put into action.

The league said it will evaluate the impact of the suspension after the season.

"The blackout issue has been one of those seen as a negative about the league," said Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based consulting firm SportsCorp. "The FCC says there shouldn't be blackouts and the league says it would affect attendance. This is the perfect time, with no blackouts from last year, to test whether a no-blackout rule adversely affects the attendance at games."

# DAWGS: Hermiston wins opener 2-1

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"That's I guess getting caught up in the game, but it should just be a reaction deal," Hawkins said. "It's thinking about the game too much, probably thinking about at-bats, and thinking about other things. You can only control the things you can control at that time. And that's a double play ball ... the baseball gods frown upon mistakes like that."

The game wasn't a total wash, though. Hermiston took a 1-0 lead in the first when Dylan Caldwell dou-

bled home RJ Robles. But Redmond came back for five in the top of the third, highlighted by Hunter Smith's RBI triple.

In the front end of the doubleheader, Hermiston squeaked out a 2-1 win behind a solid pitching performance from Robles.

Redmond got on the board early when Hunter Smith tripled to deep right and scored on a wild pitch. Hermiston answered an inning later, when Robles

walked, Kyler Mikami doubled then Mitch Brown singled. The game would

be a 1-1 tie until the fifth, when Chase Root reached on an error, moved to second on another error, and scored when Caldwell doubled down the right field line with two strikes to take the 2-1 advantage.

Robles threw 5.2 innings and threw more than 90 pitches, allowing just one hit — the lead-off triple — one run, walked five and struck out six.

Despite the win, Hawkins wasn't satisfied.

"It's how you approach the game," he said. "You keep battling and you keep

your team close. We had some chances to get some timely (hits), and we didn't again. Again, those are approaches. I gotta put the kids, in practice, (in) those uncomfortable situations where they're ready for the game."

Hermiston next takes the field Wednesday for a date at Kamiak (WA). First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.

HERMISTON 2, REDMOND 1					
	R	H	E		
RHS	100	000	0	—	112
HHS	010	010	0	—	240

WP: RJ Robles LP: Daulton Graham  
2B: K. Mikami (RHS), D. Caldwell (HHS);  
3B: H. Smith (RHS), C. Smith (HHS)