

Prep Basketball

# NFHS targets post play with rule changes

East Oregonian

INDIANAPOLIS — A crackdown on defensive contact in high school basketball games is being extended to all ball-handlers next season.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) revised Rule 10-6-12 prior to the 2014-15 season in an effort to eliminate excessive contact on ball-handlers and dribblers outside the lane area. The latest revision extends those protections to post players as well.

The new language states that “a player becomes a ball-handler when he/she receives the ball. This would include a player in a post position.”

The acts that constitute a foul when committed against a ball-handler are a) placing two hands on the player, b) placing an extended arm bar on the player, c) placing and keeping a hand on the player and d) contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

“The current rule covers the ball-handler/dribbler situations but ignores the action that goes on in the post area with the hands, arm bars, etc.,” said Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials. “The additional language will clarify that the illegal acts should be ruled for every position on the floor.”

The NFHS Basketball Rules Committee also released its points of emphasis for the coming season, chiefly cleaning up post play and rebounding. The committee noted that new information has been added to the rules book that addresses cleaning up post play and urged fouls to be called when violations occur. In addition, the committee emphasized that illegal tactics related to rebounding should be called since these violations are among the leading causes of injury in high school basketball.

A complete listing of the basketball rules changes is available on the NFHS website at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

NFL

# Goodell waiting on Brady

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Wednesday it’s his responsibility to hear directly from New England quarterback Tom Brady in his appeal of his four-game suspension in the deflated footballs case.

Goodell said he has not had time to study a request

from the players’ union that he recuse himself from the appeal because he has been focused on the spring owners meetings that concluded Wednesday.

He said he would study the request when he returned to New York but added that unless there is a factor that he is unaware of he will likely hear the case.

Goodell said no date has been set for the appeal.

# SOFTBALL: Spencer commits only one error

Continued from 1B

and walks (11). They were two of BMCC’s most important defenders as well.

Spencer only committed one error behind the plate for a .983 fielding percentage and threw out six runners on the base paths.

Zarate manned the hot corner at third base and was second among infielders with 42 defensive assists while holding a .928 fielding percentage.

Spokane, which won the region title before going on to win the NWAC Tournament, earned the Pitcher of the Year (sophomore Lindsie Scholwinski) and Coach of the Year (Janet Skaife). Scholwinski went 18-0 in league play with 15 complete games, a 0.76 ERA and 168 strikeouts.

East Region MVP went to Wenatchee Valley short-stop Iris Rodriguez. The sophomore batted for a .571 average with 56 hits, 62 RBIs, 44 runs, 18 doubles and seven home runs. She had a .933 fielding percentage with

64 assists.

NWAC East Region 2015 All-Stars  
**Coach of the Year:** Janet Skaife, Spokane  
**Most Valuable Player:** Iris Rodriguez, So. Wenatchee Valley  
**Pitcher of the Year:** Lindsie Scholwinski, So. Spokane

- FIRST TEAM**  
**Pitcher** Liz Crookes, Wenatchee Valley  
 Kayla Andrews, Columbia Basin  
**Infield** Brinley Miller, Big Bend  
 Sydney Malloy, Spokane  
 Shawnee Zink, Spokane  
 Madison Anthony, North Idaho  
 Brenna Elhart, Treasure Valley  
 Hunter Schneitter, Wenatchee Valley  
**Outfield** Sarah Gilliam, Columbia Basin  
 Berkeley Fisher, Spokane  
 Ashleigh Lynch, Wenatchee Valley  
 Nikki Mather, Wenatchee Valley  
**Catcher** Sidney Hazen, Wenatchee Valley  
**Utility** Ambrea Cuellar, Treasure Valley  
**DH/DP** Jesse Schafer, Spokane  
 Hayden Fields, North Idaho

- SECOND TEAM**  
**Pitcher** Haylie Van Laethem, Spokane  
 Tori Almos, North Idaho  
 Jessica Capson, Treasure Valley  
**Infield** Savanna Zarate, Blue Mountain  
 Katelyn Sage, Spokane  
 Lexi Miller, Spokane  
 Chloe McIntosh, North Idaho  
 Kenzie Barrera, Treasure Valley  
 Shanika Savvyer, Wenatchee Valley  
**Outfield** Tiffany King-Phillips, Big Bend  
 Shalaina Duford, Spokane  
 Katelyn Geyer, Spokane  
 Miranda Smith, WWCC  
**Catcher** Rayne Spencer, Blue Mountain  
**Utility** Hayley Fields, North Idaho  
 Jacie McDaniels, Walla Walla  
 DH/DP Lauren Dykstra, Wenatchee Valley

# BASEBALL: BMCC’s Crow makes second team

Continued from 1B

and led the team in runs (30) and walks (22).

Also honored by the East was Blue Mountain Community College outfielder Colton Crow. The sophomore from Meridian, Idaho, made the second team after batting for a .297 average with 27 hits, 18 runs, 19 walks, 12 RBIs, eight doubles and two home runs East play.

He was the only BMCC player honored.

East Region Coach of the Year went to Treasure Valley’s Aaron Sutton after leading the Chukars to the league title.

Most Valuable Player was Spokane freshman infielder Evan Douglas, who batted .301 with 31 hits, 20 runs, 21 RBIs, 10 doubles, 16 walks and three home runs in 103 league at-bats.

NWAC East Region 2015 All-Stars  
**Coach of the Year:** Aaron Sutton, Treasure Valley  
**Most Valuable Player:** Evan Douglas, Spokane

- FIRST TEAM INFIELDERS**  
 Gunnar Buhner, Columbia Basin  
 Hunter Hanson, Wenatchee Valley  
 Lane Lacroene, Treasure Valley  
 Hayden Meier, Columbia Basin  
 Jake Roberts, Yakima Valley  
**OUTFIELDERS**  
 Spencer Bannion, Columbia Basin  
 Alec Chaney, Yakima Valley  
 Michael Kilpatrick, Walla Walla  
 Austin Kopacz, Walla Walla  
**PITCHERS**  
 Tanner Lupton, Treasure Valley  
 Tony McCarty, Treasure Valley  
 Adam Paulson, Spokane  
 Darrion Simone, Yakima Valley  
**RELIEF PITCHER**  
 J.D. Page, Columbia Basin  
**CATCHER**  
 Dylan Wilbert, Walla Walla  
**DESIGNATED HITTER**  
 Lucas Denney, Spokane  
**UTILITY**  
 Clayton Ayres, Walla Walla

- SECOND TEAM INFIELDERS**  
 Connor Anderson, Yakima Valley  
 Ryan Grening, Big Bend  
 Kyle Kilian, Big Bend  
 Drew Loera, Columbia Basin  
 Jarod Paul, Walla Walla  
**OUTFIELDERS**  
 Blake Bell, Treasure Valley  
 Joey Cotto, Columbia Basin  
 Colton Crow, Blue Mountain  
 Steffen Sordahl, Walla Walla  
**PITCHERS**  
 Jacob Gleichman, Columbia Basin  
 Reign Letkeman, Big Bend  
 Chris Petrosie, Yakima Valley  
 Jake Simmons, Walla Walla  
**RELIEF PITCHER**  
 Tanner Alexander, Treasure Valley  
**CATCHER**  
 Spencer Pollock, Treasure Valley  
**DESIGNATED HITTER**  
 Cameron Walker, Walla Walla  
**UTILITY**  
 Daulton Blackwell, Treasure Valley

NBA

# Smith, James lead Cavs past Hawks

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
 Associated Press

ATLANTA — J.R. Smith knocked down a tough 3-pointer, then another. Turning toward the fans, their heckling transformed to groans, he blew off his right index finger and motioned toward his side, like he was holstering his pistol.

Yep, Smith was that hot. While LeBron James led Cleveland with 31 points, it was Smith who ignited the Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals. He made eight 3-pointers and scored 28 points in a 97-89 victory over the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

“When he gets hot,” Cleveland coach David Blatt marveled, “he gets smoking hot.”

Intent on bringing Cleveland its first NBA title, James sealed the victory

with a soaring dunk in the final minute.

For the Hawks, it was the second straight series in which they’ve lost the opening game at home. Cleveland will look to take command of the series in Game 2 Friday night.

Making matters worse for Atlanta, DeMarre Carroll went down with a knee injury driving to the basket with 4:59 remaining. He was helped to the locker room, not putting any weight on his left leg, and will undergo an MRI on Thursday to determine the seriousness.

Besides being the main defender on James, Carroll had been the Hawks’ leading scorer in the playoffs. He was averaging more than 17 points coming into Atlanta’s first conference final.

“DeMarre is a complete

**GAME 1**

Cleveland 97  
 Atlanta 89

Jeff Teague led Atlanta with 27 points. But Atlanta didn’t produce its usual balanced scoring, as two starters — Kyle Korver and Carroll — failed to reach double figures.

With Smith doing most of the damage, Cleveland outscored the Hawks 22-4 over the final 5 minutes of the third quarter and the first 2 minutes of the fourth. During that span, he made five 3-pointers and another jumper from just inside the arc, as well as throwing up a lob that Tristan Thompson dunked.

Smith has been a huge addition for the Cavaliers since he was acquired in January as part of a three-

player,” Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said. “He has a big impact at both ends of the court.”

When the Cavaliers really needed Smith in Game 1, he seemed to make every shot.

“Once I start shooting,” Smith said, “everybody keeps telling me to keep shooting.”

Cleveland scored the first 11 points of the final period — all but two on 3s by Smith — for its biggest lead, 85-67.

Carroll’s injury silenced the raucous crowd and would be a tough blow for the Hawks to overcome. While he was being taken off, James came over to say a few words and pat the injured player on the head.

“We’re all a brotherhood,” James said. “You don’t want anybody to get hurt like that.”

# TENNIS: Small school action begins Friday

Continued from 1B

I think got nervous because my team was there to cheer for me and their team wasn’t so much.”

Dillenburg said Cittadini wasn’t giving enough credit to her own play, which is what she’ll have to rely on at state, where he thinks she’ll be able to hold her own.

With most of her teammates attending classes back in Pendleton, Cittadini knows not to expect as vocal a cheering section this time, but said that’s OK because she’s not putting any pressure on herself going in.

“I kind of know that I’m not going there to win, because there are people that

just live for playing tennis and get really serious about this type of competition,” she said. “I know that I’m not going to win, but I’m glad that I’m going there.”

Cittadini’s first match will be against Wilsonville sophomore Keely Petticord, who finished second at the Northwest Oregon Conference tournament.

While Cittadini will be the only local playing at the 5A level, a handful of players have qualified for the small school bracket.

That action won’t begin until Friday and will take place in Corvallis.

Umatilla junior Sidney Webb will be the only girl, and will face Molalla

freshman Mollie Lewandowski in the first round. Webb was second at the Special District 4 tournament while Lewandowski placed fourth in Special District 2.

In the boys’ bracket, Ione junior Jan Glasen was paired against Corbett senior Caleb Berghoff in Round 1. Glasen was the Special District 4 champion while Berghoff finished second in SD2.

Glasen’s championship didn’t help him in seeding at state, though, since second-place Carlos Angel will meet the fourth-place finisher from Berghoff’s league.

Angel, a senior at Mac-Hi, will open against Crook County junior Jack

Stubblefield.

In doubles, Ione junior Kai Arbogast and Daichi Walters will be the only locals to open against a seeded opponent when they take on Philomath’s Nathan Haslam and Derek Stucki. The Special District 2 champions are the third seed.

Rounding out the bracket for the locals is the senior Umatilla team of Alejandro Madrigal and Ramiro Rubio. The SD4 champs begin their state run against North Bend’s Nils Hachmann and Jacob Gage, a senior/sophomore pairing that was third in SD3.

Contact Matt Entrup at (541) 966-0838 or [mentrup@eastoregonian.com](mailto:mentrup@eastoregonian.com).

# FAAETEETE: Coaching bug bit by surprise

Continued from 1B

from their home in Western Samoa, where they worked a plantation on the South Pacific island and lived as sustenance farmers. His grandfather, who wound up starting a Seventh-day Adventist church in Medford, decided it would be best for the family if they moved to the States. He said there would be more opportunities for his family in America.

Faaeteete said he doesn’t remember the transition well. He knew some English from American television programs — some Chuck Norris and MacGyver among others, he said — but largely he eased into the transition. It wasn’t so for some of the adults in the family.

“I think the biggest challenge was not necessarily for me growing up — it was for our parents, our uncles getting acclimated to not having to go out to the plantation and harvest food to bring home,” he said. “My uncle still to this day gets road rage because he can’t understand why people cut him off.”

Life in the big city was a difficult transition for Faaeteete’s family, but once they moved to Oregon things quieted down. Medford was still relatively small and rural then, putting the Faaeteetes more at home. His grandfather bought a farm outside of town, and it provided a link with home, something to remember about Samoa.

After some time, Grandad, as Faaeteete calls him, had to sell the farm to attend to business in Samoa. By then, Faaeteete was a rising star on the gridiron for the North Medford Red Tornadoes, with a certain high-energy offensive coordinator prowling the sidelines.

In Medford, he started working with children at Kids Unlimited of Oregon, a mentoring service run by North Medford girls basketball coach Tom Cole. He enjoyed it. He liked being a positive influence, guiding youngsters in a productive and positive direction. His senior project delved into behavioral modification for special needs students, and

His GPA had dipped under 2.5, the acceptable limit for remaining eligible. He then ran into some injury troubles to his knee and elbow and realized then that academics was important. He appraised his body and what it can bring him, and understood that football isn’t going to be around forever.

“I realized that school was really important,” he said.

At the time, Faaeteete wasn’t majoring in anything related to education. He was a political science major with an emphasis in political theory and thought he might attend graduate school at Oregon and then go into law. His eyes were also set on the NFL.

That dream was fading fast, too, however. Even at Oregon, Faaeteete understood the chances of playing pro football were small. That, plus the growing injury concerns, forced Faaeteete back into the classroom with a renewed vigor. He went from B’s and C’s to A’s and B’s and graduated with a 3.6 GPA with a degree in political science. He excelled enough on the football field, however, to score a couple try-outs in the Big Show, as Faaeteete calls it.

Those opportunities led him nowhere, however. He spent a total of six days on NFL rosters and went back home to Eugene to play the waiting game. When Kay and Hodges reached out, he had all but closed the door on a potentially lucrative professional football career.

Then, in October of 2008, just a month into his new gig, the Raiders called while Faaeteete was in class. They asked how quickly he could get to Oakland, that there might be a shot to make the team.

He asked for some time, and they granted it, and he got to thinking. He told his then-girlfriend — now wife — what happened and didn’t know what to do. That evening at football practice, in the environment he always felt was right for him, he made his final decision.

“I go to practice that night with this thing on my chest,” he said. “I’m working with kids. Kids are having fun.

“From there, I just felt like working with kids was the thing,” he said. “Early on, I kinda knew that I would be teaching and coaching eventually, but like every other young kid (I had) aspirations to play in the Big Show.”

After an all-state career at in high school, Faaeteete moved on to the University of Oregon and backed up consensus All-American and first-round NFL draft pick Haloti Ngata.

When he arrived on campus in Eugene, his only focus was football. Early into fall camp, the freshman class of about 45 was ushered around from place to place, “to eat our time,” Faaeteete said. Advisers spoke of the importance of planning a career and choosing classes to accommodate that goal.

Faaeteete raised his hand and asked simply, “What if you’re here to play football?”

“Looking back, I was a smart, cocky kid who just wanted to play,” he said.

His freshman fall camp was good enough to earn him a minor defensive role as a true freshman. His first game action game was against the No. 2, defending national champion Oklahoma Sooners with a freshman running back named Adrian Peterson. On his first snap, a play that Faaeteete still remembers vividly, the freshman split the center and guard — both All-Americans — and dropped Peterson for a three-yard loss. He didn’t even know he was going in. The next play, those All-Americans, perhaps slighted by the true freshman beating them — doubled-teamed Faaeteete and drove him back into the defensive backfield. When Ngata came back in, Faaeteete went to the sideline and was greeted with an all-too common phrase from his position coach: “Welcome to college football.”

“Commitment, integrity, work, team work — all these things are what goes into what, I feel, makes a good person,” Faaeteete said. “Someone who honors their commitments, holds themselves accountable for their actions. The simple things. (People say), ‘That’s what you do normally.’ Exactly. If you emphasize doing things the right way, things’ll take care of themselves. The world is the world. Things happen. Not everything goes your way. But a part of life is learning from the bad and embracing the good.”

## DISCOVERING THE CLASSROOM

Faaeteete maintained his academic attitude until his sophomore year, when he was given “swift kick in the butt” by the coaching staff.