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Cardinals hold off Ravens on MNF

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Chris Johnson rushed for 122 yards, 62 on a play where he rolled over the belly of a big defender and kept on running, and the Arizona Cardinals barely held off a late rally to beat the Baltimore Ravens 26-18 on Monday night.

Baltimore (1-6) drove to the 4 in the final seconds before Tony Jefferson's interception deep in the end zone clinched the victory for NFC West-leading Arizona (5-2).

Arizona led 26-10 before Asa Jackson's blocked a punt to set up Joe Flacco's 1-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Juszczyk. The 2-point conversion pass to Nick Boyle made it an eight-point game with 4:26 to play.

Baltimore got the ball back and Flacco quickly moved the team downfield before the final ill-fated throw.



Portland trades Alex Morgan to expansion Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando is beginning its new era in the National Women's Soccer League by acquiring one of the sport's top players.

The expansion Orlando Pride announced Monday they traded for Portland Thorns and U.S. women's national team star Alex Morgan.

Morgan. Morgan's husband, Servando Carrasco, plays for Major League Soccer's Orlando City.

In the deal with Portland the Pride also picks up Canadian Kaylyn Kyle, in exchange for Orlando's first selection in the expansion draft, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2016 college draft, and one international roster spot in 2016 and 2017.

"It is what it is. But we'll remember these days, and we'll look back one day when we're winning games and taking care of business and say, 'Remember when?'"

— Gary Andersen
Oregon State football coach after a 17-13 loss to Colorado on Saturday that snapped a 14-game Pac-12 losing streak for the Buffaloes. The Beavers are winless in league play and fell to 0-4, 2-5 overall in Andersen's first season.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1973 — Four players rush for more than 100 yards as Alabama sets three NCAA records during a 77-6 romp of Virginia Tech. Alabama sets records with 823 yards total offense, 743 yards rushing and four 100-yard rushers. Jim Taylor gains 142 yards, Wilbur Jackson 138, Calvin Culliver 127 and Richard Todd 102.

2002 — Emmitt Smith breaks the NFL career rushing yardage record held by the late Walter Payton on an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter. Smith has 109 yards and a touchdown in Dallas' 17-14 loss to Seattle and ends the game with 16,743 career yards, 17 more than Payton gained.

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Prep Cross Country

Bulldogs go big at district finals

Hermiston sends boys team, two girls to state; Pendleton has bittersweet finish

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THE DALLES — Things couldn't have gone much better for the Hermiston Bulldogs on Saturday at the CRC Cross Country Championships at Sorosis Park in The Dalles.

All of the Bulldogs' top five boys finished 11th or better to lead the team to a state berth, and sophomores Melany Solorio and Morgan Hancock each qualified as individuals for the girls.

Hood River edged Hermiston for the boys' team title 32-37, and was led by overall champion Justin Crosswhite in 16 minutes, 56 seconds.

Senior Hayden Earl was Hermiston's top placer in third with a time of 17:09 in a photo finish with The Dalles junior Jony Nelson.

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Runners take off to start the boys CRC Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Sorosis Park in The Dalles. Hermiston (striped jerseys) finished second at the meet to advance the entire team to the state finals.

Photo by Ray Rodriguez/The Dalles Chronicle

BOARDMAN

More poplar than ever



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Sylvia Hines, of Pendleton, takes her time Saturday during the one-mile race at the Boardman Tree Farm, owned by Greenwood Resources. The event, called A Very Poplar Run, also included five-kilometer, 10-kilometer and 15-kilometer races.

Run at Greenwood tree farm packs the trails

By SAM BARBEE

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There's something about the autumn that runners can't resist.

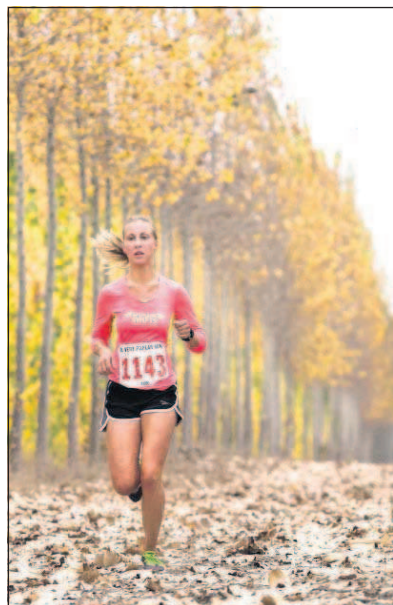
"It's like you're tracking new ground," Layne Papenfuss said Saturday at the 5th Annual A Very Poplar Run at the Greenwood Resources Tree Farm near Boardman. "In the fresh snow, nobody's been there — at least it feels like that — or fresh leaves even if there has. It's just the natural environment."

Papenfuss, from the Tri-Cities, had seen the tree farm on various occasions when passing through, and his wife found the race online recently and decided to go.

"We don't have a lot of forest around (the Tri-Cities)," he said. "So this was our opportunity to get out and experience the tree farm."

He and about 600 others got one of those conditions: leaves. A Very Poplar Run weaves through the numerous poplar trees harvested by Greenwood Resources. Now a month into autumn, the poplar trees are beginning to shed their leaves, creating an idyllic autumn scene.

That scene has attracted folks from all over the region. Jenny Van Cott, the girls cross country coach at Shadle Park High School in Spokane, has driven past the tree farm and had always wanted to run amongst the trees. Recently, she



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Jenny von Cott, of Spokane, led all women in Saturday's 10-kilometer race at the Boardman Tree Farm. The event, called A Very Poplar Run, included one-mile, five-kilometer and 15-kilometer races.

heard about A Very Poplar Run and had to come down.

"Oh my gosh, it was gorgeous," she said. "There were some sections of the course that were really sandy, so it was ... you were picking up your knees. It was beautiful."

Some runners came for more than the race. Brady Dickhaus and his family came to camp along

the Umatilla River in addition to running. This is the third year the Dickhaus's have come to Boardman and they've camped all three years.

"It's a tradition with several families," Brady said. "We come down and do the run. As the boys get older, they go up in mileage. What originally brought us down was it was a fun run and it's a weekend where there aren't really any other runs going on."

"We live in the Tri-Cities, but we find it's better to camp on the river, spend the weekend and hang out with family and friends."

A Very Poplar Run is a fun run — at least it's supposed to be — and Pendleton resident Jim Youngman took that to heart. This was his first Poplar Run, he said, but he wanted to have some fun with it. So he strung some fake leaves on the back of his long-sleeved white shirt to stand out and get a laugh.

"Just stand out a little bit in the crowd and make fun of the whole thing," he said. "And be colorful."

This was Youngman's first poplar run as well. He heard about it last year and immediately thought it was something he wanted to do.

"It's great. It was worth it," he said.

Since Greenwood Resources Director of Resource Information Systems Andrew Bourque had the idea for A Very Poplar Run five

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PENDLETON

Wolves top East again

Blue Mountain secures fourth consecutive league title

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The Blue Mountain Timberwolves extended their reign atop the NWAC East Region even before stepping on the court for Saturday's battle with Yakima Valley at Mosby Court.

By virtue of second-place Walla Walla's loss on Friday night, the T-Wolves had a three-match lead with just three matches left, and the head-to-head tiebreaker against the Warriors heading into Saturday afternoon's match with the Yaks.

That didn't stop BMCC from putting a little punctuation on its fourth-straight title with wins of 25-19, 25-9 and 25-10. It's the sixth league title in the last seven seasons for the program.

Like they had in recent outings, the T-Wolves (35-9, 12-0 East) saw several players making large contributions to Saturday's win.

Six hitters had at least 10 attempts, seven players recorded kills, four had assists, six served for aces

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Prep Roundup

Locals wrap up playoff positions

TigerScots, Cardinals, Cougars volleyball teams all moving on

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CULVER — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots may not have claimed the district title on Saturday, but they came close enough that coach Shawn White is confident a deep playoff run is possible.

After sweeping Pilot Rock 25-19, 25-14, 25-12 in the district semifinals, the TigerScots went up against tournament host and No. 1 seed Culver for the third time this season.

The TigerScots won the first and third sets 26-24, 25-21, and nearly brought the match to an end in a tightly-contested fourth before the

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