

Sports shorts

Oklahoma safe at No. 3 in rankings

Oklahoma is No. 3 in the College Football Playoff selection committee rankings, putting the Sooners safely in position to be in the final four with their season completed.

The Sooners locked up the Big 12 championship with a blowout victory at Oklahoma State on Saturday.

Clemson is still No. 1 and Alabama remained No. 2. Both the Tigers (12-0) and Crimson Tide (11-1) head into their conference championship games Saturday needing just a victory to lock up a playoff spot.

Iowa is No. 4 (12-0) and Michigan State (11-1) is No. 5, setting up a playoff play-in game in Saturday's Big Ten title game.

UCF hires Oregon offensive coordinator

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Central Florida went west to find its next football coach.

The school announced Tuesday that it had hired Oregon offensive

coordinator Scott Frost to take over a program that just finished a winless season. "Scott is a winner and innovator who has directed

one of college football's most exciting offenses at the University of Oregon," UCF athletic director Danny White said in a statement.

The 40-year-old Frost will be introduced at a news conference today.

The former Nebraska quarterback has been an assistant with the Ducks since 2009 and offensive coordinator since 2013. This will be his first time as a head coach.

"Just being a competitor, he took me to that next level, and understanding how important competition is and just have a willingness to never die. ... To know that it's coming to an end is truly sad for me."

— **LeBron James**
Cleveland Cavaliers F on the retirement of Los Angeles Lakers G Kobe Bryant at the end of this season.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1977 — Veterinarian Mark Gerard is indicted in a horse-switching scandal. Cinzano, a purportedly dead 4-year-old champion colt, won a race on Sept. 23 at Belmont Park, under the name of Lebon, a 57-1 long shot.

2002 — Oakland's Tim Brown and Jerry Rice take turns rewriting the NFL record book in a 26-20 win over the New York Jets. Brown becomes the third player with 1,000 receptions and the third with 14,000 yards receiving. On the very next play after Brown's 1,000th catch, Rice scores on a 26-yard catch. It's Rice's record 192nd TD catch and puts him over 1,000 yards receiving for a record 14th season.

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Pro Rodeo

Records to fall at WNFR



In this Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 file photo, Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Texas competes in tie-down roping during the first go-round of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Brazile within reach of season, career earning marks

National Finals Rodeo begins today

East Oregonian

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — With a record \$10 million to be distributed at this year's Wrangler National Finals Rodeo presented by Polaris RANGER, there figure to be earnings records in several, if not all, events contested at the Thomas & Mack Center Dec. 3-12.

In truth, the spate of record breaking actually began with the Clem McSpadden National Finals Steer Roping earlier this month in Mulvane, Kansas, where Trevor Brazile won the gold buckle and broke his own single-season earnings record for that event with \$121,112.

The \$62,390 Brazile banked from the NFSR plus the \$20,000 in bonus money he will receive on the eve of the WNFR for qualifying in two events will bring his all-around total to \$301,242 and give him a shot

at breaking his own single-season earnings record of \$507,921 (2010) while also helping him become the first cowboy in PRCA history to reach \$6 million in career earnings.

The huge bump in total prize money — up from \$6.375 million a year ago — that resulted from last year's new contract with Las Vegas Events may also produce the first season in history in which all 15 contestants in a single event leave Las Vegas with at least \$100,000 in See WNFR/2B

NBA

Mavs edge Blazers in OT

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Deron Williams had a season-high 30 points and the Mavericks defeated the Trail Blazers 115-112 in overtime Tuesday night in Wesley Matthews' first trip back to Portland since signing with Dallas as a free agent.

Dirk Nowitzki added 28 points and Matthews finished with 18 points in his return as the Mavs snapped a four-game losing streak on the road.

Matthews hit consecutive 3-pointers to pull the Mavericks to 89-85 as Dallas closed See BLAZERS/2B



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, left, shoots over Dallas Mavericks guard Deron Williams (8) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015.

AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Idyer

College Roundup

Eastern netters swept in opener at Nationals

No. 14 MNU upsets No. 11 EOU in pool play

By SETH DAHLE
EOU Sports Information

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — A pesky No. 14 MidAmerica Nazarene (MNU) squad reached double-digit points first in all three stanzas, and the No. 11 Eastern Oregon University volleyball team couldn't keep pace in the opening match of the NAIA National Volleyball Tournament.

The Pioneers won the pool-play match with scores of 25-23, 25-18, 25-19 on Tuesday night, and Sofija Berezovska and Lauma Knapke paced MNU with 11 kills apiece.

Eastern was led by junior middle hitter Kasaundra Tuma with 10 kills on 21 attempts for a .286 clip, while sophomore outside hitter Amanda Miller and junior outside hitter Sierra Linke added nine and eight kills, respectively.

After MNU (27-9) jumped to a 9-3 advantage in the opening set, a Linke kill sparked an 11-5 EOU run to tie the frame at 14 apiece. EOU would battle to a 22-20 advantage, but MNU tallied four-straight to reach set point. A Tuma kill kept the

Mountaineers around, but Knapke put one away to give MNU a one-set lead.

Once again, the Pioneers scooted to an early lead in the second set, claiming a 10-6 advantage in the after a Berezovska kill. Consecutive kills by Tuma and Miller pulled EOU to within one (14-13), but the Pioneers scored four-straight points to pull away.

A block assist by Tuma and freshman middle hitter Karlee Hollis helped EOU take a 4-1 lead in the third frame, but after Knapke and Berezovska brought the Pioneers back and put MNU up by three at 12-9, EOU could only get within one twice before losing a match for just the fifth time this season.

Eastern continues pool play today against Briar Cliff (Iowa) at 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
EASTERN OREGON 55, COLLEGE OF IDAHO 41 — At Caldwell, Idaho, a stingy defensive effort by Eastern Oregon forced 21 turnovers and held College of Idaho to a 34 percent shooting effort on Tuesday night in the teams' Cascade Collegiate Conference opener. Eastern (5-4, 1-0) has now won seven-straight CCC openers. For the second-straight game,

senior guard Jordan Klebaum led the squad in scoring with 21 points on 8-for-17 shooting. Flirting with triple-double honors, senior forward Nikki Osborne tallied 10 points, eight assists, and seven rebounds. Maloree Moss added six points and six assists.

The Yotes (1-6, 0-1) were paced by Petra Lumpert with 10 points and four steals.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
COLLEGE OF IDAHO 72, EASTERN OREGON 69 — At Caldwell, Idaho, two double-doubles weren't enough to offset 22 turnovers as the Mountaineers lost their Cascade Collegiate Conference opener on Tuesday.

Trell Washington led EOU (4-7, 0-1) with 17 points and 19 rebounds, and Tate De Laveaga added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

The Mountaineers' largest lead was just three points early in the contest, though, and the Yotes (6-4, 1-0) built their largest second-half lead at 13 points with just more than 13 minutes to play. C of I was led by Joey Nebeker with 26 points, Aitor Zubizarreta with 17 points and five assists, and Emanuel Morgan with 14 points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

ATHENA

'Scots setter makes all-state

WMHS junior Ali Schroeder named to 2nd team

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After leading her team to a state championship in 2015, Burns junior Catherine Clemens was voted Class 2A Player of the Year by the state's coaches.

She wasn't the only eastern Oregon player taking top honors as Vale's Shannon Steele was named 3A Player of the Year following the Viking's run all the way to the title.

For players from Umatilla County the all-state nominations were few, but Weston-McEwen junior setter Ali Schroeder was elected to the second team after providing stability in the middle for a TigerScots team that played in its 12th-straight state tournament this season.

See VOLLEYBALL/2B



In this 2014 file photo, TigerScot Ali Schroeder (2) sets the volleyball during a match against Culver in Athena.

MLB

M's working on trade

Seattle looks to continue overhaul by moving Trumbo

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners and Baltimore were working Tuesday to complete a trade that would send power hitter Mark Trumbo to the Orioles.

The Mariners would get catcher/first baseman Steve Clevenger. The teams were reviewing medical records before finalizing the deal.

Trumbo, who turns 30 next month, hit a combined 22 home runs with 64 RBIs while batting .262 for Seattle and Arizona last year. He split time as a designated hitter, outfielder and first baseman.

Trumbo topped 30 homers in consecutive seasons for the Los Angeles Angels in 2012 and 2013. Angels general manager Jerry Dipoto then sent Trumbo to Arizona as part of a three-team trade.

Dipoto is now Seattle's GM.

The 29-year-old Clevenger hit .287 with two homers and 15 RBIs in 30 games for the Orioles.