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### Ducks demote defensive coordinator

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Oregon coach Mark Helfrich announced Monday that defensive coordinator Don Pellum will move back to linebackers coach for the Ducks.



Pellum has been Oregon's defensive coordinator for two seasons following the retirement of Nick Aliotti. Helfrich said Pellum remains committed to improving the Ducks' performance on the field.

The move comes two days after Oregon squandered a 31-0 lead and lost 47-41 in triple overtime to TCU in the Alamo Bowl. The Ducks finished 9-4 this season, their first without 10 wins since 2007.

Pellum, who played for Oregon, was the Ducks' linebackers coach for 14 seasons before he was promoted to defensive coordinator.

### Coughlin resigns from NY Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — With the New York Giants facing a difficult decision on his coaching future after four straight years out of the playoffs,

## FACES



Coughlin

Tom Coughlin walked away gracefully, doing what was best for him.

The Giants gave him 12 years to run one of the NFL's flagship organizations. He delivered two Super Bowls and restored the franchise to the league's elite for a while.

It was mutually beneficial, and so was the departure Monday when the 69-year-old Coughlin resigned rather than force co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch to fire him.

The Giants announced the decision one day after the Giants (6-10) capped their third straight losing season with a 35-30 defeat against Philadelphia, their third in a row and sixth in seven games.

"He's his own man. You can't really tell him what to do."

### — Danny Shelton

Cleveland Browns defensive tackle on quarterback Johnny Manziel, whose choice to go to Las Vegas rather than attend his team's season finale in Cleveland is just the latest incident that has teammates and team executives questioning his priorities. Manziel was ruled out of the game with a concussion, but was supposed to be at the stadium to receive treatments. He appeared for exit interviews on Monday but did not speak to reporters.

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1964** — Keith Lincoln of the San Diego Chargers, rushes for 206 yards in 13 carries, catches seven passes for 123 yards, completes one pass for 20 and scores two touchdowns in a 51-10 rout of the Boston Patriots for the AFL title.

**1983** — In his 42nd game, Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky scores his 100th point of the season with an assist in the Oilers' 8-3 triumph over the Winnipeg Jets.

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## UMATILLA

# Vikings cruise after another slow start

## Umatilla girls take down Mac-Hi

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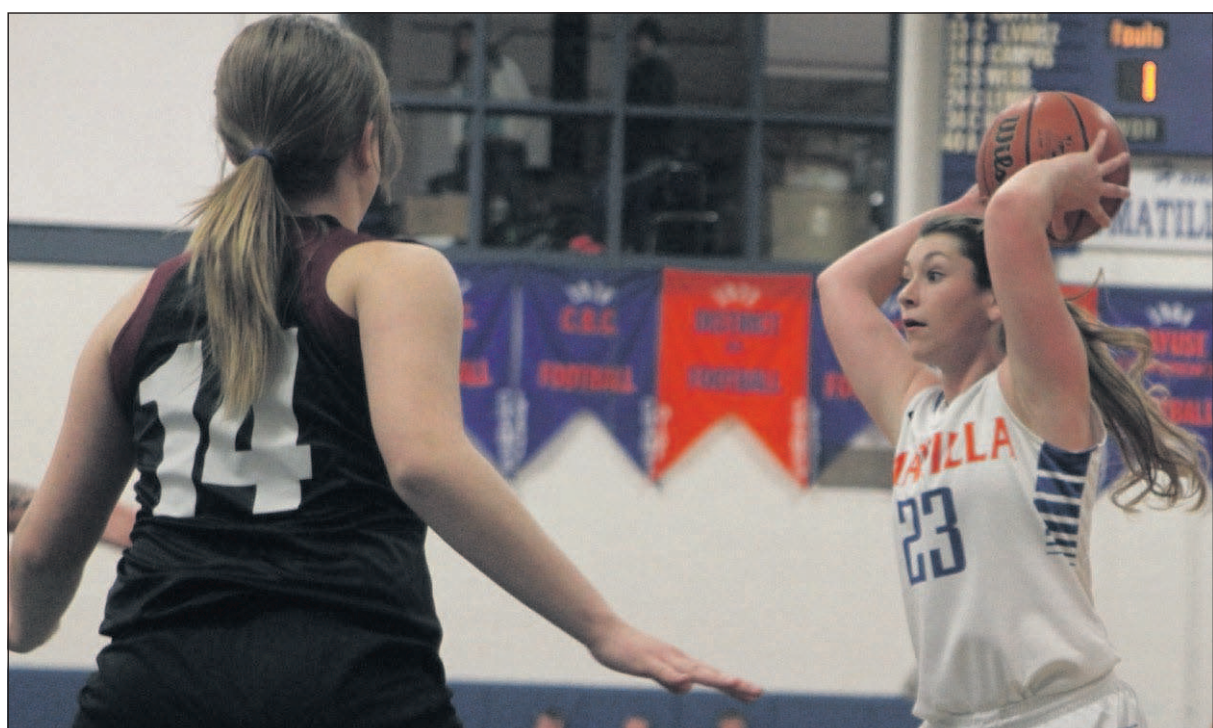
All season long, the Umatilla Vikings girls basketball teams has struggled with slow starts.

Monday night while hosting the Mac-Hi Pioneers, it was no different.

The Vikings scored just seven points and led by one after the first quarter, but turned it on in the second and third to propel a 54-30 home win in their final game before the start of league play.

Sidney Webb led the way with 14 points and four assists, and Aleesha Watson with 10 points, nine rebounds and five assists. For Mac-Hi, Brittney Erb led the way with nine points and three steals.

"We usually do have a slow start," Webb said, "but in the second half we come back. I don't know why we do that, but we do. It's something that needs to change because against better teams (it's a



Staff photo by Sam Barbee

Umatilla senior guard Sidney Webb (right) looks to pass while defended by Mac-Hi's Brooke Smiley during the Vikings' 54-30 home win Monday night.

problem)."

The slow start was mainly due to turnovers. Umatilla (10-4) committed seven in that first quarter, allowing the Pioneers (7-5) to hang around. Umatilla didn't shoot well that quarter, either, going 3 of 12

from the field, 1 of 6 from 3-point range and 0 for 2 from the free throw line. The Vikings benefited from a Mac-Hi team that did largely the same thing — six turnovers, 3-of-15 shooting, 0 for 4 from the charity stripe.

Things changed quickly in the second quarter, though.

Two Brenda Campos free throws to opened the quarter's scoring to put Umatilla up 9-6, then Aleesha Watson hit a runner two minutes

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## NBA

# Blazers burned in Lillard's return

Memphis Grizzlies forward Jeff Green, left, tries to get past Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Monday, Jan. 4, 2016.

AP Photo/Steve Dykes



## Randolph leads Memphis over Portland

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Zach Randolph had 26 points and 18 rebounds off the bench, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Trail Blazers 91-78 on Monday night to spoil Damian Lillard's return to the Portland lineup.

Lillard missed seven games for the Blazers because of plantar fasciitis in his left foot. The Blazers went 4-3 while he was out, with CJ McCollum sliding over to point guard.

Lillard looked rusty at the start of his return and the Grizzlies took advantage, leading by as many as 20 early in the fourth quarter.

The Blazers closed the gap to 80-71 after Lillard's 3-pointer with 6:11 left. Meyers Leonard hit another 3 that got the Blazers to 84-76, but Randolph answered with a long jumper and Portland ultimately couldn't catch up.

Lillard led the Blazers with 17 points. He shot 4 of 14 from the field but made all

seven free throws.

Courtney Lee had 16 points, and Mario Chalmers added 10 for Memphis.

Matt Barnes returned to the Grizzlies after a two-game suspension for an altercation with New York Knicks coach Derek Fisher in October.

Memphis was coming off a 92-87 loss in overtime to the Utah Jazz on Saturday night.

Randolph, who spent his first six seasons with the Blazers, came off the bench with six points in 9 minutes and the Grizzlies had a

17-15 lead after the first quarter. Neither Lillard nor McCollum scored in the period.

The Grizzlies extended the lead to 29-19, but Allen Crabbe's baseline jumper closed the gap to 36-32. Memphis led 38-34 at halftime, with Lillard going 0 for 5.

McCollum's 3-pointer pulled the Blazers into a 40-all tie but Memphis wouldn't let Portland get in front, going on a 15-5 run to take a 55-45 lead capped by Randolph's long jumper.

Randolph became the third Memphis player with multiple games of 20-plus points and 10-plus rebounds off the bench. He's got nine double-doubles this season.



## UMATILLA

# Defense keys Umatilla victory

## Vikings hold off Pioneers in final tune-up for league play

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A strong defensive effort led the Umatilla Vikings back to .500 on Monday in a non-league win over visiting Mac-Hi.

The Vikings allowed the second fewest points they'd given up this season in a 40-29 win that saw the Pioneers' scoring troubles continue.

Pioneer guard Hunter Yensen was able to get loose for a game-high 17 points, but only three teammates joined him on the score sheet and Mac-Hi (4-9) failed to surpass 30 points for the fourth time in five games after averaging 45.6 points in its first eight games.

The Vikings (7-7) started the game slow on offense as well, and led 9-4 after the first quarter. But Umatilla was able to build its lead to 18-10 at halftime and held on in a tightly-contested second half.

Juan Coria led a balanced Umatilla

## Boys Hoops



offense with 10 points and three other players chipped in eight. Tristen Sanguino was one of those, and added a team-high four rebounds and three assists.

The Vikings also played a relatively clean game, turning the ball over just 13 times and sending Mac-Hi to the free throw line just once.

Umatilla heads into league play on a two-game upswing and will play at Riverside on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Mac-Hi will try to end its five-game losing skid tonight at DeSales (WA) at 7:30 p.m.

M-H (4-9) 4 6 9 10 - 29  
UMS (7-7) 9 9 9 13 - 40  
MAC-HI — H. Yensen 17, A. Zaragoza 5, L. Garcia 5, A. Garza 2, A. Martinez, B. Debord, E. Garcia, R. Walton, A. Delgado.  
UMATILLA — J. Coria 10, T. Sanguino 8, S. Cranston 8, K. Webb 8, G. Armenta 2, J. Ramirez 2, D. Silverio 2, A. Simmons, S. Garcia, T. Durley, J. Maret.  
3-pointers — M-H 2, UHS 7. Free throws — M-H 0-1, UHS 7-14.  
Fouls — M-H 15, UHS 10.

## HERMISTON

# Big games net weekly award for Moss

## Guard led EOU to pair of wins

LA GRANDE — A triple-double and an outstanding fourth-quarter performance helped senior guard Maloree Moss gamer Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) Red Lion Player of the Week honors, the league announced on Monday afternoon.

On Dec. 30 Moss tallied 10 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists to lead the Mountaineers past Northwest, 79-64. A short time later, the Hermiston native recorded nine of her team-high 14 points in the fourth quarter to lift EOU over Evergreen, 70-55, on New Year's Eve.

On the season, Moss is averaging 5.4 points, 3.7 rebounds, and 3.2 assists per contest.

EOU was won eight of its last 10 games and sits in a three-way tie for second place in the CCC.

The Mountaineers return to the hardwood on Friday against Warner Pacific College. Tipoff in Portland is set for 5:30 p.m.



Moss