

College Basketball

Emery 3-pointer lifts BYU over No. 25 Gonzaga

Arizona gives Washington first Pac-12 loss

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SPOKANE, Wash. — Nick Emery hit a 3-pointer with 1:38 left for the lead and BYU hung on to beat No. 25 Gonzaga 69-68 on Thursday night. It was the only basket of the game for Emery.

Kyle Collinsworth scored 20 points and Chase Fischer added 18 for BYU (13-5, 4-1 West Coast Conference), which upset Gonzaga at home for the second straight season.

Kyle Wiltjer scored 35 points for Gonzaga (13-4, 5-1), which saw a seven-game winning streak snapped. Domantas Sabonis, who averages 18 points per game, was in foul trouble and limited to five points.

Gonzaga lost at home to BYU last season, breaking



Gonzaga's Domantas Sabonis (11) and BYU's Nate Austin go after a rebound during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, in Spokane, Wash.

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a 41-game home winning streak.

Wiltjer is the leading scorer in the WCC at 21.5 points per game and has reached 20 points 11 times this season.

Neither team shot well from the field, with BYU hitting 41 percent and Gonzaga just 36.8 percent.

Up by four points at halftime, Gonzaga opened the

second with an 11-2 run that gave them a 47-34 lead.

Collinsworth completed a three-point play and Fischer scored to bring BYU within 47-39.

Gonzaga rebuilt a double-digit lead but Collinsworth scored three straight baskets and the Cougars cut Gonzaga's lead to 54-49.

Fischer's 3-pointer, the

first of the game for BYU after 12 misses, brought the Cougars within 56-54 with 8:33 left.

Wiltjer replied with a 3-pointer and a long jumper to keep the Zags ahead.

Collinsworth hit three straight baskets as BYU got within 63-61 with 3:40 left. Fischer completed a three-point play to put the Cougars

ahead 64-63.

Kyle Dranginis scored on a long jumper to put Gonzaga up by one, but Fischer scored again to put BYU ahead.

After Eric McClellan hit two free throws for Gonzaga, Emery made his 3-pointer to put BYU ahead 69-67 with 1:32 left.

The BYU defense buckled down and Gonzaga could not get a clean shot. Wiltjer made one of two free throws with 8 seconds left to close the scoring.

ARIZONA 99, WASHINGTON 67 — At Tucson, Ryan Anderson scored 21 points, Kaleb Tarczewski had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and No. 18 overpowered Washington for a victory Thursday night.

Playing their first game without star freshman Allonzo Trier (hand), the Wildcats (14-3, 2-2 Pac-12) traded baskets with the athletic Huskies in an entertaining first half before running them over in the second.

Arizona had a 43-26 advan-

tage on the glass against the Pac-12's top rebounding team and shot 60 percent to extend its home winning streak to a nation-best 48 games.

Arizona's Parker Jackson-Cartwright had 11 assists with one turnover and Kadeem Allen scored 13 points.

Washington (11-5, 3-1) played without a key backup on the front line and was no match for the beefier Wildcats inside.

Noah Dickerson had 17 points and Marquese Chriss 13 for the Huskies. Andrew Andrews, the Pac-12's leading scorer, battled foul trouble and scored nine points on 3-of-11 shooting.

The young Huskies arrived at McKale Center as the surprising leaders of the Pac-12.

Picked to finish 11th, Washington and its seven freshmen opened conference play with three straight victories behind Andrews and Dejourne Murray, who have accounted for 53 percent of its scoring.

BUCKAROOS: Team 'flat' in 2nd half

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and put up a shot which ended with nothing but net.

The second shot came with a minute left in the half on a fast break off of a La Grande turnover. Adams caught a pass, turned around to look at the basket and threw up the shot without getting his feet set, but again it brought nothing but the bottom of the net. Afterwards Adams said that it was the best he's felt in a game this year.

"It feels great when you're in a zone like that," he said. "You just want the ball as much as you can and get it at the rim. My coaches gave me a chance this year and I feel like I'm finally showing up."

Overall, the first half for the Buckaroos was about as good of a half as the team has put together all season long. Pendleton shot an incredible 9-14 (64 percent) from 3-point range, and 5-10 from inside in the half and finished with 41 points.

Tedder was excited about the team's effort and credited part of the start to the adrenaline the team had finally playing back in their home gym for the first time since Dec. 11.

"You can't ask more of those kids," he said. "It's been seven

straight games on the road and they were ready to play in front of friends and family again.

"Daniel (Adams) was unbelievable, Caden (Smith) was unbelievable, and the other guys did their jobs well, but that's what we expect out of them."

Smith finished the game on 8-16 shooting, and James Bradt finished with nine points to headline the Bucks' scoring.

But as good as the first half was for Pendleton, the second half ended up a little sloppy.

The Buckaroos shot just 8-26 (30 percent) in the half and made only 1-12 from 3-point range. The defensive intensity also slacked a bit, slipping in rotations and allowing easy drives to the basket and plenty of open shots for La Grande, who outscored the Bucks 28-21 in the half.

"I just think we were a little flat," Tedder said. "We talked about staying on the gas pedal at halftime, and I think we can get a little better at finishing games."

Andrew Peasley led La Grande (2-5) offensively with 21 points — 19 of which came in the second half.

Pendleton was helped by a poor free throw shooting performance

from La Grande in the game, as the Tigers made a mere 8-27 attempts. It includes a stretch from the second quarter until the midway point of the third quarter where the team missed 10-straight from the line.

In allowing those 27 attempts, the Buckaroos did not have their strongest defensive performance, which is one area the team will be cracking down on over the next week as they prepare for conference play beginning on Jan. 22 at Hood River.

"We need to work on defense and it's gotta step up a lot more," Adams said. "We're really excited for league, though. We had a tough preseason so I think we're ready to take on everything."

LHS (2-5)	9	10	18	-	48	
PHS (6-6)	18	23	8	13	-	62
LA GRANDE — A. Peasley 21, Z. Jacobs 15, E. Silanen 3, J. Schiller 2, T. Cranford 2, T. Blackman 2, C. Brandt 2, M. Wisdom 1, B. Travis.						
PENDLETON — C. Smith 22, D. Adams 20, J. Bradt 9, K. Quinn 4, W. Morris 4, J. Stuvland, M. Foreman, S. Jerome, J. Peterson, D. Roe, J. Szumski, R. Russell.						
3-pointers — LHS 4, PHS 10. Free throws — LHS 8-27, PHS 8-11. Fouls — LHS 12, PHS 21. Technicals — Administrative (PHS).						
Fouled out — J. Stuvland (PHS).						

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DUCKS: Utah has 'D' game

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play that well on the road was huge for us. We knew how much energy they would have in their first conference home game and we just had to exceed that and be the aggressor," said Casey Benson, who scored a career-high 15 points.

The Ducks (14-3, 3-1 Pac 12) never trailed in notching their third straight conference win after dropping their league opener to Oregon State.

"That was as good a game as we have played, the whole game," Oregon coach Dana Altman. "You hate to get down early on the road and we've had a problem with that this year. not this time."

Brandon Taylor led Utah (12-5, 1-3) with 12 points as the Ducks neutralized the Utes' interior offense. Sophomore center Jakob Poeltl, who missed a couple of practice days this week with a sprained ankle, made just one field goal and had seven points in Utah's first home loss of the season.

"You may not always have your 'A' game, but if you come in with your 'D' game you are going to get your butt kicked," Utah coach Larry Krystkowiak said.

The Ducks shot 55 percent for the game while the Utes connected on just 34 percent of their shots, even

though many came from close range.

"We made their bigs guard us and we spread the court so we were able to exploit the middle. Plus, we have great shooters so they had to stay out on them and gave us room to move," Brooks said.

The Utes made their first four shots of the second half to trim the Ducks lead to six points. Jordan Loveridge's 3-pointer made it 50-44 with 17:20 left in the game.

From there, the Ducks held Utah scoreless for almost eight minutes. The Utes missed 13 straight field goals, as Oregon extended its lead into double digits and never led by less than 12 the rest of the way.

"I thought we needed to be a lot better offensively. When you are so bad that way, especially against a team that is fast and athletic, it can take all of the spirit out of you," Krystkowiak said.

Oregon's athletic defenders and quick pace rattled the Utes early. The Ducks led by as many as 15 points and held the Utes to 34 percent shooting in the first half. Oregon led 46-34 at the break.

"We had good ball pressure and we had 19 deflections in the first half so we just didn't let them throw it where they wanted in the post," Altman said.

SEAHAWKS: Loss to Panthers prompted turnaround in team chemistry

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Seattle's bad string started in the opener at St. Louis during an overtime that featured a last-minute touchdown by the Rams, an overtime kickoff flub and a fourth-down fail to clinch the defeat. There was the Week 2 setback in Green Bay, being outscored 10-0 in the fourth quarter, and the 17-point meltdown in Cincinnati over the final 14 minutes that led to a 27-24 overtime loss to the Bengals in Week 5.

All those losses came on the road and in situations where Seattle's offensive inefficiency was at times as culpable as its defensive mistakes. But the capper came in Week 6 when Cam Newton closed the game with two straight 80-yard touchdown drives and a communications breakdown between Thomas and Sherman led to Greg Olsen's game-winning 26-yard touchdown with less than a minute remaining.

While Olsen celebrated,

Thomas and Sherman looked at each other incredulously trying to figure out who made the mistake, leading to a group chat in the locker room after the loss.

"The chemistry wasn't there," Thomas said.

So what changed?

Well, Seattle simply wasn't in as many close games in the latter half of the season, in part because both its offense and defense began to play better. The Seahawks posted double-digit wins

in six of their final seven victories to close the regular season, with most of those games being well-decided by the fourth quarter.

The few times Seattle was in a tight game, there was a unified effort to close things out. Against Pittsburgh in Week 12, the Steelers had first-and-goal with less than four minutes remaining and trailing by five, but had to settle for a field goal. On the ensuing possession, Russell Wilson hit Doug Baldwin

for an 80-yard touchdown to put the game away.

Last week, while there was a significant amount of luck in Walsh missing the field goal, the Seahawks wouldn't have been in the lead if not for an 80-yard touchdown drive early in the fourth quarter and Kam Chancellor's forced fumble that led to the winning field goal from Steven Hauschka.

"We've been in tons of games that have all kinds of circumstances, and so these

are just more of the same," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "I think for this year's team, those are the games as we look back, that we draw from."

NOTES: RB Marshawn Lynch (abdomen) and TE Luke Willson (concussion) were full participants in practice for the second straight day. ... FB Will Tukuafu (hamstring) appears to be the only player in question for Sunday's game after missing practice for a second consecutive day.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today
Culver at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 6 p.m.
Irrigon at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
La Salle Prep at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Vale at Riversdale, 7 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.
Helix at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.
Echo at Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington at Ione, 4 p.m.
South Wasco at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m.
Heppner at Culver, 4 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Irrigon, 5:30 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Joseph, 5:30 p.m.
Wallowa at Echo, 5:30 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Arlington, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Mitchell/Spray (at Mitchell), 5:30 p.m.
Ione at Dufur, 5:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 6:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today
Irrigon at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 6 p.m.
Culver at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Helix at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.
Echo at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.
Arlington at Ione, 6 p.m.
South Wasco at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
Vale at Riversdale, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 1 p.m.
Heppner at Culver, 2:30 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 3 p.m.
Nyssa at Riversdale, 4 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Echo at Joseph, 4 p.m.
Wallowa at Echo, 4 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Arlington, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Mitchell/Spray (at Mitchell), 4 p.m.
Ione at Dufur, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 5 p.m.
Stanfield at Irrigon, 5:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Today
Pendleton, Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Riversdale, Heppner at Oregon Classic (Redmond), 10 a.m.
Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Riversdale, Heppner at Oregon Classic (Redmond), 10 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton at Madras, 10 a.m.
Hermiston at La Grande, Noon

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.
Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Spokane at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Spokane at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

Basketball

NCAA				
Men's Top 25	Thursday			
4. Michigan State (16-2) lost to No. 16 Iowa 76-53. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday.				
16. Iowa (13-3) beat No. 4 Michigan State 76-59. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.				
18. Arizona (14-3) beat Washington 99-67. Next: vs. Washington State, Saturday.				
20. Pittsburgh (14-2) lost to No. 21 Louisville 59-41. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.				
21. Louisville (14-3) beat No. 20 Pittsburgh 59-41. Next: vs. Florida State, Wednesday.				
25. Gonzaga (13-4) lost to BYU 69-68. Next: vs. San Diego, Saturday.				
Pac-12	Conf	Ovr	Str	
USC	4-1	15-3	W3	
Oregon	3-1	14-3	W3	
Washington	3-1	11-5	L1	
Colorado	2-2	13-4	W1	
Oregon St.	2-2	11-4	L1	
California	2-2	12-5	L2	
Stanford	2-2	9-6	L1	
Arizona	2-2	14-3	W1	
UCLA	2-3	11-7	L1	
Utah	1-3	12-5	L1	
Arizona St.	1-3	11-6	W1	
Washington St.	1-3	9-7	L2	

Women's Top 25

Thursday
Oregon 77, Utah 59
Arizona State 84, Washington State 73
Arizona 99, Washington 67
California at Stanford

Thursday

2. South Carolina (16-0) beat No. 9 Kentucky 73-62. Next: vs. No. 15 Texas A&M, Sunday.
3. Notre Dame (16-1) beat Boston College 63-50. Next: vs. No. 13 Tennessee, Monday.
5. Ohio State (12-4) lost to Northwestern 86-82. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.
7. Mississippi State (16-2) lost to No. 24 Missouri 66-54. Next: vs. Mississippi, Monday.
8. Maryland (15-2) beat Michigan 74-67. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
9. Kentucky (13-2) lost to No. 2 South Carolina 73-62. Next: vs. Auburn, Sunday.
13. Tennessee (11-5) lost to Arkansas 64-59. Next: at No. 3 Notre Dame, Monday.
15. Texas A&M (13-4) beat Mississippi 81-58. Next: at No. 2 South Carolina, Sunday.
16. Florida State (12-4) beat Clemson 85-40. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.
20. Florida (14-3) lost to Georgia 71-61. Next: vs. LSU, Sunday.
21. Miami (16-2) beat Wake Forest 71-60. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
22. Duke (12-6) lost to N.C. State 65-62. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
23. Louisville (13-5) beat Virginia 59-40. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.
24. Missouri (15-2) beat No. 7 Mississippi State 66-54. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.

Pac-12	Conf	Ovr	Str	W/O
Arizona St.	4-0	13-3	W1	
Stanford	3-1	13-3	W2	
Oregon St.	3-1	12-3	W2	
UCLA	3-1	11-4	L1	
Utah	3-1	11-4	W1	
Washington	3-2	12-4	W1	
USC	2-2	14-2	W2	
Washington St.	2-3	11-5	L1	
Arizona	1-3	10-6	L2	
California	1-3	10-5	L1	
Oregon	0-4	11-4	L4	
Colorado	0-4	5-10	L5	

Today's Games

Colorado at Arizona State, 10 a.m.
UCLA at Washington, 6 p.m.
Stanford at Oregon, 6 p.m.
Utah at Arizona, 6 p.m.
USC at Washington State, 8 p.m.
California at Oregon State, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Toronto 106, Orlando 103, OT
Chicago 115, Philadelphia 111, OT
San Antonio 99, Cleveland 95
Memphis 103, Detroit 101
Sacramento 103, Utah 101
Golden State 116, L.A. Lakers 98

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 4 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Portland at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 6:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
Thursday's Games
San Jose 2, Edmonton 1, SO
N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Washington 4, Vancouver 1
Chicago 2, Montreal 1
Carolina 4, St. Louis 1
Winnipeg 5, Nashville 4, OT
Colorado 3, New Jersey 0
Detroit 3, Arizona 2, OT
Today's Games
Boston at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Golf

Sony Open	PGA
Thursday's leaders At Waialae Country Club Honolulu Par: 55.8 million Yardage: 7,044; Par 70 (35-35)	
First Round: a-denotes amateur	
Ricky Barnes	31-32—63 -7
Vijay Singh	31-32—63 -7
Morgan Hoffmann	30-33—67 -7
Kevin Kisner	31-32—63 -7
Brandt Snedeker	32-31—63 -7
Si Woo Kim	32-32—64 -6
Zach Johnson	31-33—64 -6
Charles Howell III	32-32—64 -6
Shane Bertsch	31-34—65 -5
Sean O'Hair	32-33—65 -5
Luke Donald	31-34—65 -5
Jerry Kelly	33-32—65 -5
David Hearn	32-33—65 -5
Zac Blair	31-34—65 -5
Scott Piercy	33-32—65 -5
David Lingmerth	33-32—65 -5
Fred Funk	32-33—65 -5
Colt Knost	31-34—65 -5
Tony Finau	34-31—65 -5
12 players at 4-	

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

PATRICK COLLINS
Senior Heppner Basketball

Collins was integral to both Heppner's wins that put the team in first place after the opening weekend in Columbia Basin Conference play. He hit the game-winning free throws with five seconds left in a 44-42 win over Irrigon and finished the game with 12 points, five rebounds. The next day he scored 27 points and pulled in 11 rebounds in an 83-65 win over Stanfield.

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