

Women's Basketball

Alleyne having record-breaking senior year

Ducks' ace rebounder more interested in team achievements

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Each time she steps on the court, Oregon's Jillian Alleyne remembers the life lessons she's learned from a special 8-year-old boy.

The Pac-12's most prolific rebounder spent half of last year working with Harrison Kaiser, a Eugene boy with a cerebral palsy-like condition. Confined to a wheelchair, Harrison is also unable to communicate verbally.

Yet he's spoken to Alleyne in so many other ways.

"I'd go over after practice and he'd love to go on walks. We'd go on an hour walk and we'd go to the park and we'd kind of just stand there and watch other people play basketball. He just really enjoyed the simple things, like eating ice cream," she said. "It just taught me life is a gift, and people take it for granted sometimes in the way they live and the material things they have. He just taught me to enjoy everything."

Right now, Alleyne is enjoying the spotlight.

Last weekend, she became the Pac-12's all-time leading rebounder with 1,574 boards, passing former Stanford star Chiney Ogumike (1,567).

Typical of Alleyne, she didn't know she'd set the record until she heard the PA announcer at Matthew Knight Arena point out the feat to fans.

"She was born to rebound, she really was," Oregon second-year coach Kelly Graves said afterward. "She's got an amazing nose for the ball and sometimes the rebounds don't mean as much, but (against Cal) every rebound meant something. I'm happy for her."



In this undated file photo, Oregon's Jillian Alleyne leads her teammates in a pregame huddle at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene. Alleyne became the Pac-12's all-time leading rebounder this season with 1,574.

Although Oregon (12-5, 1-5) is still building under Graves, Alleyne is playing out a college career that has seen several other personal records fall, too.

She holds the league's record for rebounds in the single game with 27, and the record for most rebounds in a season, with 519 as a sophomore. That's the sixth most in the NCAA record book.

She has 83 career double-doubles, which puts her at fifth on the NCAA all-time list. She needs two more to match Ogumike's Pac-12 record.

This season, Alleyne leads the Ducks with an average of 17.8 points and 13.5 boards a game, ranking her third in the nation for rebounds. For her career, her average is 14.3 rebounds a game, which right now slots her at fourth on the NCAA's all-time career list.

While the records are nice, Alleyne would rather have wins. But the Pac-12 conference is particularly difficult this season, with four teams — Arizona State, Oregon State,

Stanford and UCLA — ranked in the AP Top 25.

"It's an honor, but it's a reminder that I have to work harder for my team's success," she said.

Rebounds have always come easy to Alleyne, it was life that was hard. When she was growing up in Southern California, her mom struggled to make ends meet and the family moved from apartment to apartment, often just one step away from homelessness.

Pamela Williamson worked multiple jobs at times to keep food on the table for her daughters Jillian and Faith.

"It has definitely shaped my perspective and my outlook on life, because I see so many opportunities that I just feel like anything is possible," Alleyne said. "After all I went through growing up, and having hit rock bottom, I feel like the only way is up."

Williamson still works with kids with autism and it's clear where Alleyne picked up her altruism.

Standing at 6-foot-3, Alleyne has long cascading braids that are tinted green for the Ducks. She'd like to continue working with kids like Harrison, and her major is in Communication Disorders and Sciences. She's fluent in sign language.

"He just adores her, and she was just wonderful with him," Harrison's mom, Jillyn Kaiser said. "He gets a huge smile on his face whenever he hears her name. They have a real mutual love for each other."

When she was with Harrison, Alleyne had to give her full attention to him. It's a skill that now she takes to every practice, every game.

"Being in the moment is my biggest thing, and staying focused. I have to remember that I can't worry about the end result in the game, or what's going to happen in the next possession," she said. "It's to stay present in the moment I'm in, whether it's offense or defense, and make sure I give everything I can for my teammates."

And enjoy every moment.

NASCAR

Stewart at ease heading into final season of storied career

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tony Stewart is a man at peace as he heads into the final season of his NASCAR career.

He is satisfied with what he has accomplished and has no regrets about the three glaring holes on his resume. Stewart is also adamant that his struggles the last two years, on and off the track, have nothing to do with his decision to retire at the end of this season.

The three-time NASCAR champion reiterated Thursday he will race in other series after this year — but not the Indianapolis 500, he insisted — and his decision to leave the Sprint Cup Series is simply about giving himself more free time to pursue everything that has been on hold the last three decades.

"I'm still going to race, I just don't know how much yet," Stewart said. "The nice thing is I'll have some flexibility to go do some other things I want to do."

First up on the bucket list: He wants to attend the Formula One race in Monaco with co-owner Gene Haas, who will field an F1 team beginning this season.

But that will have to wait until 2017 because Stewart has a final farewell tour ahead of him for the next 11 months. He doesn't want the same sendoff given to Jeff Gordon, who was feted and presented with gifts at nearly every stop on the 36-race schedule last year.

Stewart wouldn't mind, though, having the kind of year Gordon did on the track. Gordon closed his final season by dramatically winning at



AP Photo/Mike McCann

Stewart Haas Racing co-owner and driver Tony Stewart talks to members of the media during the NASCAR Charlotte Motor Speedweek Media Tour in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016.

Martinsville Speedway in November to clinch a berth in the final four of NASCAR's championship race.

Although Gordon didn't win the title, he was in the running and climbed from his car for the final time at the top of his game.

"That was 99 percent of a perfect season and I don't have any grand illusions that I'm going to have that kind of year this year," Stewart said. "I would love to, but what we've done the last two years, it may or may not be in our cards. We're going to give 100 percent."

Stewart has been a shell of himself the last two years. He was struggling through the 2013 season when he broke his leg in a sprint car accident and missed the final third of the NASCAR season.

His return in 2014 was a struggle, too. Aside from his failure to perform

on the track, his car struck and killed a sprint car driver at a New York dirt track. Stewart wasn't criminally charged, but the emotional toll weighed on him for months and he is still facing a lawsuit from Kevin Ward Jr.'s family.

Although 2015 was fairly drama-free, Stewart had career lows in nearly every category. He has not won a race since 2013 and he split with crew chief Chad Johnston at the end of last season.

Stewart will be paired this year with first-year crew chief Michael Bugarewicz, who was race engineer the last two seasons on Kevin Harvick's team. Stewart is not sure how long it will take the duo to click, but he is eager to find out.

"It's two people trying to learn each other's language," Stewart said. "I really like what I see in him so far,

I like his drive and determination, and those are things that you can't teach somebody."

Stewart's mood was good as he noted it was the final time on the preseason media tour. He declined to answer questions about an incident last weekend at the Chili Bowl in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he climbed into the stands to confront a heckler. Stewart encouraged anyone curious about the confrontation to scan social media for witness accounts of what led to the incident.

Other than that, no topic was off limits. He talked about his desire to win the Daytona 500, the Southern 500 and at Kentucky Speedway — the only things missing from his resume — and acknowledged his performance has been subpar. He repeated several times that he's too old — he turns 45 in May — to run the Indianapolis 500, but that he's open to a lot of different opportunities beginning in November when his NASCAR career comes to a close.

"The reason I am retiring is not performance based, but when you go into your last season, you hope you go out on top," he said. "If we went out there and ran 15 races and won the championship, it would not be, 'Man, I want to come back next year.'"

"We're done. When Homestead happens, no matter how the year went, we're done. If it's a terrible year, I am not going to sit there and think that defined my career. The stats will show what we did over 18 years. No matter how the season goes, I think I'm going to be able to say I had a successful run in the Sprint Cup Series."

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today
Irrigon at Culver, 4:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.
Heppner at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Joseph, 6:30 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River, 7 p.m.
The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Lone at South Wasco, 7:30 p.m.
Sherman at Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Dufur at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Helix, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today
Nixyaawii at Joseph, 5 p.m.
Irrigon at Culver, 6 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Helix, 6 p.m.
Lone at South Wasco, 6 p.m.
Dufur at Condon/Wheeler (Condon), 6 p.m.
Sherman at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Today
Nixyaawii at Joseph, 5 p.m.
Irrigon at Culver, 6 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Helix, 6 p.m.
Lone at South Wasco, 6 p.m.
Dufur at Condon/Wheeler (Condon), 6 p.m.
Sherman at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.

Today

Hermiston at Reser's TOC (Corvallis), 9 a.m.
Heppner at Grant Union Invite, 10 a.m.
Echo at Parma Meet, TBD
Irrigon at Grant Union, 8 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at Hood River, 10 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Condon/Wheeler at Sherman, 3:30 p.m.
Baker at MacHi, 4:30 p.m.
Hood River at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Echo, 5:30 p.m.
Arlington at Dufur, 5:30 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Lone, 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday
Northwest Christian at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Blue Mountain at Yakima Valley, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Dufur at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley, 4 p.m.
Corban at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Prep Standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon League (3A)	Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk
Nyssa	3-0	8-10	890	894	15
Riverside	3-1	7-10	739	728	27
Umatilla	1-3	9-10	937	977	23
Vale	0-3	3-12	630	811	34

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon League (3A)

Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Umatilla	4-0	15-4	886	615	10
Vale	2-1	10-6	670	611	13
Nyssa	1-2	10-7	719	617	18
Riverside	0-4	3-13	468	691	31

Basketball

NBA

Thursday's Games
New Orleans 115, Detroit 99
Cleveland 115, L.A. Clippers 102
Memphis 102, Denver 101
Sacramento 91, Atlanta 88
San Antonio 117, Phoenix 89

Today's Games

Charlotte at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Utah at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 5 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA

Women's Top 25

Thursday
2. South Carolina (18-0) beat Auburn 74-58. Next: at No. 10 Mississippi State, Sunday.
3. Notre Dame (18-1) beat Syracuse 90-62. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.
4. L.A. Clippers at New York, 4:30 p.m.
5. Milwaukee at Houston, 5 p.m.
6. Miami at Toronto, 5 p.m.
7. Ohio State (14-4) beat Michigan 97-93. Next: at Rutgers, Sunday.
8. Kentucky (14-3) lost to Mississippi 73-65. Next: vs. No. 18 Tennessee, Monday.
9. Mississippi State (17-3) lost to Georgia 47-43. Next: vs. No. 2 South Carolina, Sunday.
10. Texas A&M (14-5) beat No. 23 Missouri 81-77. OT. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
11. Florida State (14-4) beat Virginia 70-48. Next: at No. 16 Miami, Sunday.
12. Tennessee (12-6) beat Vanderbilt 58-49. Next: at No. 9 Kentucky, Monday.
13. Florida (16-3) beat Alabama 80-72. Next: at Missouri, Sunday.
14. Missouri (15-4) lost to No. 13 Texas A&M 81-77. OT. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.

Standings

Pac-12	Conf.	Ovr.	Str
Washington	5-1	13-5	W2
Oregon	4-2	15-4	W1
USC	4-2	15-4	L1
Arizona	4-2	16-3	W3
Stanford	3-3	10-7	L1
Colorado	3-3	14-5	L1
California	3-3	13-6	W1
Utah	3-3	14-5	W2
UCLA	3-3	12-7	W1
Oregon St.	2-4	11-6	L3
Arizona St.	1-5	11-8	L2
Washington St.	1-5	9-9	L4

Hockey

NHL

Thursday's Games
Vancouver 4, Boston 2

New Jersey 6, Ottawa 3

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 3
Calgary 4, Columbus 2
Carolina 1, Toronto 0, OT
Tampa Bay 2, Chicago 1
Nashville 4, Winnipeg 1
Dallas 3, Edmonton 2
San Jose 3, Arizona 1
Minnesota at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Anaheim at Washington, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 6 p.m.

Football

NFL

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 24
AFC: New England at Denver, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC: Arizona at Carolina, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)

Tennis

Australian Open

Thursday
At Melbourne, Australia
Melbourne, Australia
Second Round
Men
Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Sam Groth, Australia, 6-0, 6-4, 6-1.
Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
David Ferrer (8), Spain, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
John Isner (10), United States, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (2).

Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Bernard Tomic (16), Australia, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-5.
Feliciano Lopez (15), Spain, def. Guido Pella, Argentina, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-7 (8), 6-4.
Viktor Troicki (21), Serbia, def. Tim Smyczek, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).
Gael Monfils (23), France, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.
Jack Sock (25), United States, lost to Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Jeremy Chardy (30), France, lost to Andrej Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).
Steve Johnson (31), United States, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Joao Sousa (32), Portugal, def. Santiago Girardo, Colombia, 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

Women

Garbine Muguruzza (3), Spain, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-4, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (7), Germany, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 6-2, 6-4.
Karolina Pliskova (9), Czech Republic, def. Julia Georges, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Timea Bacsinszky (11), Switzerland, lost to Annika Beck, Germany, 6-2, 6-3.
Victoria Azarenka (14), Belarus, def. Danka Kovinic, Montenegro, 6-1, 6-2.
Madison Keys (15), United States, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3.
Elina Svitolina (18), Ukraine, lost to Naomi Osaka, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.
Jelena Jankovic (19), Serbia, lost to Laura Siegemund, Germany, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Ana Ivanovic (20), Serbia, def. Anastasia Sevastova, Latvia, 6-3, 6-3.
Ekaterina Makarova (21), Russia, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.
Sabine Lisicki (30), Germany, lost to Denisa Allertova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

College Football

Oregon AD added to playoff selection committee

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Oregon athletic director Rob Mullens and former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr are among the four new additions to the College Football Playoff selection committee.

College Football Playoff Executive Director Bill Hancock announced Thursday that Mullens, Carr, former Southern Mississippi coach Jeff Bower and former Central Michigan coach and athletic director Herb Deromedi will be added to the 12-member committee starting next season. They will serve three-year terms.

The new members will replace Southern California athletic director Pat Haden, former Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, former Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese and former Air Force Academy superintendent Mike Gould.

Last week, Texas Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt was chosen as the new chairman of the selection committee, replacing Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long.

Carr coached Michigan from 1996-2007, leading the Wolverines to their last national title in 1997.

Deromedi spent 38 years at Central Michigan and retired in 1993 as the winningest coach in Mid-American Conference history, with a 110-55-10 record. He was athletic director at Central Michigan from 1994-2006.

Bower led Southern Miss to 14 straight winning seasons and four Conference USA championships from 1990-2007.

Mullens has been athletic director at Oregon since 2010 and is a graduate of West Virginia.

College Basketball

Utes put away Cougs

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Jordan Loveridge scored 22 points and Brandon Taylor added 21 to lead Utah to a 92-71 win over Washington State on Thursday night.

The Utes (14-5, 3-3 Pac-12), who have won two in a row and three of four, evened their conference record after starting 0-2 in league play. Jacob Poeltl had 14 points and Lorenzo Bonam 13 for Utah.

Que Johnson and Josh Hawkinson both scored 16 points for Washington State (9-9, 1-5). The Cougars have lost a season-high four straight and seven of nine. WSU started the season 4-0.

The Utes, who had not scored more than 59 points in the previous four games, scored 43 in the first half against WSU. The Cougars trailed 43-28 at intermission. It was the third consecutive game in which WSU trailed by 15 at the half.