

College Roundup

No. 11 Oregon State downs Utah

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Jamie Weisner scored 23 points on Friday night and No. 11 Oregon State held off a late run to beat Utah 62-53.

The Beavers (15-3, 6-1 Pac-12) led 56-36 with 6:35 left before Utah (12-6, 4-3) scored 15 straight to get within five at the 1:30 mark.

Weisner secured an offensive rebound with a minute left and made a pair of free throws to make it 58-51. Sydney Wiese added 4-for-6 from the foul line to help Oregon State secure the win.

Wiese had 12 points and Ruth Hamblin blocked eight shots. Oregon State won its fifth straight and remained alone in second place in the conference, one game behind Arizona State.

Oregon State scored the last 17 points of the first quarter and added a 3 on the first possession of the second to lead 23-8.

Emily Potter had 17 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Utes.

OREGON 59, COLORADO 46 — (AP) Lexi Bando and Jillian Alleyne, who had her 84th double-double, scored 14 points apiece to lead Oregon to a 59-46 over Colorado on Friday night.

Maite Cazorla added 11 points for the Ducks (13-5, 2-5 Pac 12) and Alleyne, the league's all-time leading rebounder, had 15 boards.

Zoe Beard-Fails had back-to-back baskets that helped Colorado (5-13, 0-7) to an 18-10 lead in the second quarter. Bando and Jordan Loera hit 3-pointers and Kat Cooper tied it with a layup at 4:28. Bando had a 3 in a 7-1 closing run to give Oregon a 28-22 lead at the half.

The Ducks pushed the lead to 10 in the third quarter before Colorado cut it to four but two baskets by Cazorla in the final minute put Oregon up 45-35.

The Buffaloes had three free throws to start the four quarter but Lexi Petersen erased that with a trey and Oregon steadily built the lead up to 15 with less than four minutes left.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN 63, EASTERN OREGON 54 — At La Grande, the Mountaineers shot just 29 percent and coughed up some costly second-half turnovers in a Cascade Collegiate Conference loss on Friday.

After a Jordan Klebaum layup pulled EOU (13-8, 9-3 CCC) within 33-31 with 7:20 to play in the third quarter,

eight straight Mountaineer turnovers allowed NCU (13-6, 9-2) to stretch the lead back to 14 points. The closest EOU would come from there was nine points.

NCU took down EOU for a second time this season, and the Beacons improved to 13-6 and 9-2 on the year. Meanwhile, the Mountaineers dropped to 13-8 overall and 9-3 in CCC play.

Madeline Laan and Payton Parrish netted 14 points apiece to pace EOU, while Chandler Gabrio and Monique Thompson tallied 18 points each for NCU, which shot 47.9 percent from the field.

Former Hermiston teammates Maloree Moss and Jeni Hoffert were on opposite sides in the meeting. Moss finished with three assists and three rebounds for EOU and Hoffert pulled in a pair of boards and had a steal for NCU.

Men's Basketball
N O R T H W E S T CHRISTIAN 77, EASTERN OREGON 76 — At La Grande, Eastern Oregon held a three-point lead with less than 30 seconds to play, but a key 3-pointer and made free throw lifted Northwest Christian over the Mountaineers on Friday.

Eastern Oregon (11-11, 6-6 CCC) led 76-73 until Northwest Christian's Javonte Byrd nailed that 3-pointer with just three seconds left in the game to tie the game at 76-76.

The Mountaineers then turned the ball over on the inbounds play and then promptly fouled Byrd to send him to the free throw line for the win. Byrd went 1-2 from the line to give his team the win.

It's the second time this season that Northwest Christian has beaten Eastern Oregon at the last second, as they hit a buzzer beater back on Dec. 19 to defeat the Mountaineers 68-67.

Eastern Oregon held a 35-31 lead at halftime, but fell behind early in the second half, as Northwest Christian (17-4, 10-1) opened up a 12 point lead at the 11:12 mark of the half.

Case Rada was Eastern Oregon's high scorer with 22 points on 9-13 shooting. Kentrell Washington contributed 15 points, 12 rebounds, and seven assists.

Calvin Johanson and Travis Meeker rounded out the Mountaineers' double-digit scorers with 11 points and 10 points respectively. The Mountaineers shot 51 percent from the floor as a team and had 21 total assists.

Snowstorm wrecks havoc on sports scene

By JOHN KEKIS
Associated Press

A blizzard moving into the Eastern United States disrupted the sports schedule Friday, complicating team travel and blanketing the field where Sunday's NFC championship game will be played with a wintry mix.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, crews scrambled to keep up with the storm, clearing snow and sleet from the tarp covering the Bank of America Stadium field. The Carolina Panthers host the Arizona Cardinals there in the NFC championship game on Sunday night.

Fans from afar who planned to make the trip were forced to scramble, too. Delta was among a handful of airlines that canceled all flights to and from Charlotte on Friday because of the storm. The forecast for the game was calling for clear skies, with temperatures expected to be in the mid-20s.

Two NBA games and one in the NHL were postponed, as were several college basketball games and NASCAR's Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

The NBA said Boston's game at Philadelphia scheduled for Saturday night will

be made up on Sunday at 7 p.m. The Utah Jazz's game at Washington, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, will be reset at a later date.

The NHL initially shifted the starting time of Friday's game between the Washington Capitals and Anaheim, moving it up two hours to 5 p.m. The league then postponed it on Friday but did not yet have a makeup date. A decision regarding Sunday's game between the visiting Pittsburgh Penguins and Capitals will be announced Saturday morning.

Up to 2 feet of snow was predicted from what the National Weather Service was calling a "potentially crippling winter storm." A state of emergency was declared in Pennsylvania for Saturday. The storm was expected to drop 12 to 18 inches of snow and create possible blizzard conditions beginning Friday evening.

NASCAR called off Friday night's ceremony in Charlotte honoring Terry Labonte, Jerry Cook, Bobby Isaac, Bruton Smith and Curtis Turner until Saturday afternoon.

"OK it's finally snowing," NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. tweeted "I was the dummy who didn't get the extra bread. Waiting out my repercussion."

Girls Basketball

Shorthanded Cardinals pull out last-second win over Redsides

East Oregonian

MAUPIN — The shorthanded lone girls basketball team won its third game in a row on Friday, pulling out a 51-50 win over South Wasco in Big Sky League action.

A pair of free throws by the Redsides' Kiana Moody put her team up 50-49 in the game's closing moments, but Jessie Flynn was fouled at the other end with eight seconds showing on the clock and sank both to give Ione (8-6, 5-1 BSL) the lead.

South Wasco (7-8, 2-4) turned the ball over as it tried for a last-second shot.

Flynn finished with a game-high 26 points and Rachel Holland added a double-double with 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Ione out-rebounded South Wasco 35-21, but playing without point guard Maggie Flynn turned the ball over 32 times.

Moody finished with 12 points for South Wasco and Allie Noland added a team-

high 13. Ione plays at Horizon Christian today.

IHS (8-6, 5-1) 9 14 13 15 - 51
SWC (7-8, 2-4) 11 19 13 - 50
IONE — J. Flynn 26, R. Holland 13, I. Sandford 6, K. Gilbert 4, M. Orem 2, S. Qualls, H. Padberg.
SOUTH WASCO — A. Noland 13, K. Moody 12, A. Birman 9, C. Hout 5, K. Sprouse 4, C. Davis 4, L. Hull, M. Davis.
3-pointers — IHS 1, SWC 3. Free throws — IHS 13-23, SWC 5-15. Fouls — IHS 16, SWC 18. Fouled out — M. Davis (SWC).

WESTON-MCEWEN 41, STANFIELD 23 — At Stanfield, after playing the TigerScots even in the first quarter of their Columbia Basin Conference game the "turnover bug" caught the Tigers, said coach Daniel Sharp.

Stanfield (6-9, 2-3 CBC) finished with more than 30 turnovers and didn't help themselves with 28 fouls on defense.

Chelsea Quaepts led Weston-McEwen (8-8, 5-0) with 12 points and the Tiger-Scots led 20-9 at halftime.

Yazzmin Chavez paced Stanfield with eight points.

Both teams play

non-league games on Tuesday with Stanfield at Sherman and Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi.

W-M (8-9, 5-0) 6 14 9 12 - 41
SHS (6-9, 2-3) 6 3 11 - 23
WESTON-MCEWEN — C. Quaepts 12, A. Hill 8, S. Finifrock 6, A. Finifrock 5, B. Hillmick 4, A. Schroeder 2, J. Lambert 1, S. von Borstel 1, M. Muienburg, A. Broncheau, K. Vesio, M. Aby.
STANFIELD — Y. Chavez 8, G. Chavez 7, M. Griffin 4, C. Curiel 2, M. Banderas 2, A. Lemmon, N. Esquivel, S. Connell, A. Carrillo, C. Hooper.
3-pointers — W-M 0, SHS 3. Free throws — W-M 19-40, SHS 6-12. Fouls — W-M 13, SHS 28.

CULVER 39, IRRIGON 36 — At Culver, the Bulldogs survived a late Knights rally in Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday.

Irrigon (6-10, 2-3 CBC) cut a 10-point lead to one with less than a minute to play but couldn't hit the go-ahead shot.

Jada Burns led Irrigon with 19 points, four assists and two steals, and Taylor Davis added a team-high six rebounds.

Irma Retano paced Culver with 14 points.

Up next for Irrigon is a

game at Heppner next Friday.

IHS (6-10, 2-3) 6 3 11 16 - 36
CHS (10-7, 2-3) 16 4 11 8 - 39
IRRIGON — J. Burns 19, B. Aguilera 9, T. Davis 4, B. Rice 2, N. Romero 2, A. Zacarias, K. McLaughlin, L. Mills, H. Vera.
CULVER — I. Retano 14, A. Fritz 6, J. Johnson 5, R. Slight 4, C. Duff 4, H. Lewis 4, M. Beeler 2.
3-pointers — IHS 0, CHS 1. Free throws — IHS 10-24, CHS 12-23.

HELIX 49, PINE EAGLE 26 — At Helix, the Grizzlies played a well-rounded game to pick up their 12th win on the season, defeating Pine Eagle on Friday night.

"I'm really pleased with the win," said Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger. "Pine Eagle gave us a few fits to start, but our pressure after that was too much. The girls played really well."

Helix (12-4, 5-1 OOL) finished with three players in double-figures, as Charmayne Bennett led with 13 points, Paden Flerchinger with 12 points, and Makenzie Mize with 11 points. Bennett had 11 of her 13 in the second quarter.

Correction

Pendleton's JD Peters wrestled at 160 pounds in the Buckaroos' dual win over Hood River on Thursday. His season record is 21-4. Incorrect information appeared in the article "Buckaroos win at Hood River" in the Jan. 22 edition.

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today
Condon/Wheeler at Sherman, 3:30 p.m.
Baker at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Echo, 5:30 p.m.
Arlington at Dufur, 5:30 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Ione, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Pendleton at La Grande, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today
Condon/Wheeler at Sherman, 2 p.m.
Baker at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Ione, 4 p.m.
Arlington at Dufur, 4 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 4 p.m.
Helix at Echo, 4 p.m.
Tuesday
Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi, 6 p.m.
La Grande at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Today
Hermiston at Reser's TOC (Corvallis), 9 a.m.
Mac-Hi, Echo at Parma Tournament, 10 p.m.

PREP SWIMMING

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

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley, 4 p.m.
Corban at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Walla Walla at Blue Mountain, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Corban at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley, 2 p.m.
Wednesday
Walla Walla at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.

Prep Standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

Columbia River Conference (5A)

Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Pendleton	1-0	7-6	753	724	10
Hermiston	1-0	9-8	978	979	16
The Dalles	0-1	3-12	795	1168	30
Hood River	0-1	1-12	731	871	33

Greater Oregon League (4A)

Ovr.	Conf.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Baker	1-0	7-10	892	960	27
Mac-Hi	1-0	6-11	700	794	22
La Grande	1-1	4-6	511	491	31
Ontario	0-2	5-10	811	924	33

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	20
Riverside	0-4	3-13	468	691	32

Columbia Basin Conference (2A)

Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Wes.-McE.	5-0	9-8	895	623	13
Pilot Rock	4-1	13-6	887	729	10
Culver	2-3	10-7	659	556	27
Stanfield	2-3	6-9	552	556	30
Irrigon	2-3	6-10	619	623	24
Heppner	0-5	2-14	425	680	38

Big Sky League (1A)

Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Con./Whe.	5-1	14-2	723	511	6
Arlington	5-1	12-5	731	538	22
Ione	5-1	8-6	613	618	19
Horizon Chr	3-3	6-8	423	576	36
Sherman	3-3	3-10	430	636	45
S. Wasco	2-4	7-8	488	572	31
Dufur	1-5	2-12	481	664	47
Mitchell	0-6	3-12	448	599	59

Old Oregon League (1A)

Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Nixyaawii	6-0	16-1	907	545	2
Helix	5-1	12-4	701	563	5
Powder Val.	4-2	9-7	732	574	24
Joseph	3-3	7-8	719	607	32
Echo	2-4	9-9	712	631	27
Pine Eagle	1-5	1-13	277	716	46

Wallowa 0-6 1-14 241 747 58

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)

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	28	15	651	—
Boston	23	21	523	5½
New York	22	23	489	7
Brooklyn	11	33	250	17½
Philadelphia	6	38	136	22½

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	26	18	591	—
Miami	23	21	523	3
Washington	20	21	488	4½
Orlando	20	22	476	5
Charlotte	20	23	465	5½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	30	11	732	—
Chicago	24	18	571	6½
Indiana	23	20	535	8
Detroit	23	20	535	8
Milwaukee	19	26	422	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	38	6	864	—
Memphis	25	19	568	13
Dallas	25	20	556	13½
Houston	23	22	511	15½
New Orleans	15	27	357	22

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	33	12	733	—
Utah	19	24	442	13
Portland	19	26	422	14
Denver	16	27	372	16
Minnesota	13	31	295	19½

Today's Games

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	40	4	909	—
L.A. Clippers	28	15	651	11½
Sacramento	19	23	452	20
Phoenix	13	31	295	27
L.A. Lakers	9	36	200	31½

Friday's Games

Charlotte 120, Orlando 116, OT
Utah 108, Brooklyn 86
Boston 110, Chicago 101
L.A. Clippers 116, New York 98
Houston 102, Milwaukee 98
Toronto 101, Miami 81
Oklahoma City 109, Dallas 106
Golden State 122, Indiana 110
San Antonio 108, L.A. Lakers 95

Today's Games

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	40	4	909	—
L.A. Clippers	28	15	651	11½
Sacramento	19	23	452	20
Phoenix	13	31	295	27
L.A. Lakers	9	36	200	31½

Friday's Games

Dallas at Houston, 12:30 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Brooklyn, 12:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Florida	47	27	15	5	59	125	105
Tampa Bay	47	26	17	4	56	127	112
Detroit	47	24	15	8	56		