

Prep Roundup

Carter, Juarez lead Cardinals over Loggers

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SPRAY — The Ione Cardinals snapped a five-game losing streak with big efforts from Austin Carter and Jason Juarez to beat the Mitchell/Spray Loggers 41-30 on Tuesday.

Carter finished with 17 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocks to lead the way and Juarez added another 17 points in the Big Sky League win for Ione (4-16, 3-9 BSL).

Coach Brian Rust said the young team has continued to improve throughout the season and it was nice to see that pay off in the win column.

“Our goal is to improve every game and it’s nice to have your last game be the best one you played,” he said.

Austin Ogier led the Loggers (7-14, 2-10) with 12 points.

Ione’s next game is Friday

against South Wasco at 7:30 p.m.

IHS (4-16, 3-9)1112 5 13 — 41
M/S (7-14, 2-10) 8 4 15 3 — 30

IONE — A. Carter 17, J. Juarez 17 W.
McNary 4, T. Epperson 2, A. Smythe 1, D. McElligott, L. Burright.

MITCHELL/SPRAY — A. Ogier 12, B. Henry 7, M. Garlanda 5, W. Erb 4, J. Cheo-Mbonifor 2, L. Johnson, A. Villen.

3-pointers — IHS 3, M/S 3. Free throws — IHS 8-13, M/S 3-10. Fouls — IHS 9, M/S 17.

LA GRANDE 34, MAC-HI 31 — At Milton-Freewater, neither team could sink a bucket in the last 2:30 of Tuesday’s Greater Oregon League finale.

With La Grande (8-8, 4-2 GOL) not hitting its free throws, Mac-Hi had several opportunities to tie the game down the stretch, but either missed their shots or turned the ball over.

The Pioneers (7-16, 2-4) had the last shot in the game but Adrian Zaragoza’s three-pointer at the buzzer came up

short.

Hunter Yensen led Mac-Hi with 16 points and Elias Siltanen paced La Grande with 20.

Mac-Hi will host Ontario in the first round of the district tournament with the winner moving on to face La Grande for a chance to earn a state play-in game. The time and date of Mac-Hi’s next game had not been set at press time.

LG (8-8, 4-2) 9 4 11 10 — 34
M-H (7-16, 2-4) 13 1 11 6 — 31

LA GRANDE — E. Siltanen 20, I. Cranford 5, Z. Jacobs 3, A. Peasley 3, G. Blackman 3, M. Wisdom, B. Travis, J. Schiller, C. Brandt.

MAC-HI — H. Yensen 16, L. Garcia 6, A. Martinez 3, A. Zaragoza 3, A. Pio 3, A. Garcia, B. Debord, E. Garcia.

3-pointers — LG 2, M-H 4. Free throws — LG 6-10, M-H 11-14. Fouls — LG 15, M-H 11.

CONDON/WHEELER 63, ARLINGTON 61 — At Condon, the Knights earned the season sweep of the Honkers in Big Sky League action on Tuesday. Details were not reported.

Condon/Wheeler (10-11, 6-6 BSL) next plays Friday at Dufur at 7:30 p.m. Arlington (8-15, 2-10) will be at Sherman on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

CONDON/WHEELER 49, ARLINGTON 34 — At Condon, a defensive adjustment shut down the Honkers in the second quarter as the Knights pulled away in their Big Sky League game on Tuesday.

Joely Patnode led Arlington (14-9, 7-5 BSL) with 10 points but scored all of those in the first quarter as the Honkers built a 14-13 lead.

“We adjusted out defense and paid a little more attention to her and then just built on that,” said Condon/Wheeler coach Kevin Gramson.

The Knights (20-2, 11-1) allowed just one field goal in the second quarter and led 26-18. The lead was in

double digits for much of the second half, Gramson said.

Emma Logan pace the Knights with 14 points and Annika Rietmann added 12.

Condon/Wheeler plays Friday at Dufur at 6 p.m. Arlington is at Sherman on Friday at 6 p.m.

AHS (14-9, 7-5) 14 4 8 8 — 34
C/W (20-2, 11-1)13 13 12 11 — 49

ARLINGTON — J. Patnode 10, R. McClure 8, M. Hauner 7, E. Kirby 5, S. Collins 2, H. Davidson 2, S. Weatherford.

CONDON/WHEELER — E. Logan 14, A. Rietmann 12, J. Homer 6, L. Aarnodt 6, B. Jaeger 4, A. Terland 2, A. Carnine, B. Dyer.

3-pointers — AHS 3, C/W 0. Free throws — AHS 7-15, C/W 3-6. Fouls — AHS 12, C/W 14. Fouled out — B. Dyer (C/W).

HERMISTON 62, HOOD RIVER 39 — At Hood River, the Bulldogs pushed their winning streak to eight straight games in a rout over the Eagles on Tuesday in Columbia River Conference play. No details were reported.

Hermiston (17-3, 5-0 CRC) has its next game at Pendleton

on Friday at 5:45 p.m.

LA GRANDE 57, MAC-HI 34 — At Milton-Freewater, the Pioneers were unable to derail the Tigers in their undefeated Greater Oregon League season on Tuesday. No details were reported.

Mac-Hi (12-10, 2-4) will play Ontario in the first round of the district tournament with the winner moving on to play Baker for the chance at a state play-in game. The time and date of Mac-Hi’s next game was not available at press time.

IONE 43, MITCHELL/SPRAY 40 — At Spray, the Cardinals won their third straight to keep their chance at the district tournament’s No. 1 seed on Tuesday. Details were not reported.

Ione (13-7, 10-2) will host South Wasco Friday at 6 p.m.

NFL

Broncos revel in parade amid offseason questions

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER — It took John Elway 15 years to experience a parade as a quarterback. As an executive, only five.

The Broncos general manager, however, won’t have much time to celebrate. Fresh challenges await the architect of Denver’s third NFL championship.

Job No. 1 is keeping this destructive defense together. That starts with re-signing Super Bowl 50 MVP Von Miller, whose monster game helped Peyton Manning become the NFL’s first 200-game winner and set the stage for him to walk away a champion as Elway did 17 years ago.

Elway wants to keep Brock Osweiler, who’s set to become a free agent.

Manning and Miller were the biggest topics when Elway and coach Gary Kubiak met with the media before the Broncos parade through downtown Tuesday.

They again lauded the wicked defense that snatched both the leather and the silver footballs

from Cam Newton’s grasp Sunday night in Santa Clara, California.

“I can still remember about a week into training camp I looked at Gary and said, ‘I think we are going to be a pretty darn good defense,’” Elway said. “To do what they did against a quarterback who is probably as good as anyone in the league was historic.”

While a franchise tag could buy Elway time to work out a deal with Miller that’s sure to top the \$52.5 million guaranteed in Justin Houston’s contract, the Broncos could find themselves in a quarterback quandary if Manning retires and somebody outbids them for Osweiler.

Elway reiterated that he has no timetable for Manning to make up his mind about his future. Manning, whose offense managed a measly 194 yards in Sunday’s 24-10 win, turns 40 next month. He’s due \$19 million next season in the final year of his contract.

“We will give him time,” Elway said. “It’s up to Peyton, where he is, what he thinks he can do, how he thinks he can play. You get 99 percent there in your



(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

Denver Broncos defensive end Antonio Smith, left, and nose tackle Sylvester Williams look over the Lombardi Trophy at a rally following a parade through downtown Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016 in Denver.

mind, and then one percent is just as hard.”

Manning’s father, Archie, said after the game he felt his son was “done in Denver,” if not everywhere else.

The Broncos went 5-2 in Osweiler’s starts, although Manning had to rescue them in the season finale, reclaiming the starting position for the playoffs.

Elway praised Kubiak for his handling of the delicate quarterback situation over the last half of the season when Manning was sidelined with an injured

left foot before reclaiming his starting job.

“It was touchy. The way he dealt with that is what takes a coach from being good to great,” Elway said.

Osweiler is sure to get attention from quarterback-starved teams, but he’s more valuable to the Broncos because he knows their system, has been through a Super Bowl run with them and was under Manning’s wing for four years. But is Osweiler worth the megabucks and long-term deal he could get from someone else?

There are other difficult choices ahead, including those involving linebacker Danny Trevathan and defensive lineman Malik Jackson, pending free agents without whom the parade of firetrucks might have been winding through the streets of Charlotte, North Carolina, instead.

“They are all priorities,” Elway said. “Getting Derek Wolfe (four years, \$36.7 million) done was the first step, and we want to get Danny and Malik done. We want to try and keep the group together. But it’s a fluid process. We will talk to their representatives and see where we are at and get a feel for it.”

After staying out of the fray last week, the Broncos have been busy bragging.

They proclaimed after the game that they’re better than the Steel Curtain defense, the ‘85 Bears, the 2000 Ravens or the ‘02 Bucs.

“We’re the greatest defense to ever play the game. Ever,” linebacker Brandon Marshall declared. “It’s a bold statement, but top to bottom, we have the greatest talent, from rusher to safeties to linebackers. Better than anybody’s ever

done it.”

T.J. Ward contended that while the Panthers were seemingly more interested in the pre-game party, dancing and fame, the Broncos were all about winning this trophy. And in a nod to the old Brylcreem slogan, defensive coordinator Wade Phillips trolled the Panthers with a tweet “A little Dab will do you but too much Dab will undo you!”

The fun and frivolity will soon give way to fretting over how to do this all over again.

“We love being the underdogs,” cornerback Aqib Talib said.

Good thing, because odds makers are already giving the Panthers, Patriots, Seahawks, Packers, Steelers and Cardinals better odds of winning the next Super Bowl, in Houston.

“That’s been the story of our lives,” receiver Emmanuel Sanders shrugged.

Miller told the hundreds of thousands who came out to celebrate he’ll see them a year from now.

Same time, same place. “I think so,” Miller said. “Back to back, right?”

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