Men's Basketball

Boise State tries to rebound from controversial ending

By PAT GRAHAM
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Boise State coach Leon Rice is still trying to wrap his head around this basketball brainteaser: Beating the buzzer with a winning basket doesn't necessarily mean you win the game.

Perplexed?

So were the Broncos after James Webb III banked in a 3-pointer with no time left in overtime to give them what they thought was an 87-84 win over Colorado State on Wednesday in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Only, the winning shot was overturned after officials went to the monitors and utilized a digital stopwatch embedded within the video overlay in the instant replay system. Through that, it was determined the clock didn't start on time and thus Webb didn't get the shot off in time. Boise State ended up losing 97-93 in double overtime.

Rice's frustration isn't so much with the official's decision, which was upheld by the Mountain West Conference after the game and again Thursday when the league released video.

No, his concern revolves around the use of such technology.

"It opens a can of worms," Rice said in a phone interview with *The Associated Press* on Thursday. "Why are those milliseconds (at the end) more important than any other time throughout the game?

"Because all my life I've gone off the clock on the scoreboard — and he got it off before that."

Here's how the play in question unfolded: Boise State inbounded the ball to Webb with 0.8 seconds left, with Webb catching it and immediately shooting it toward the rim.

The basket was good.

Game over, right?

Rice saw red light up around the basket a split second after Webb's shot was released, so he figured the officials would confirm the bucket once they went to the monitor to look at the play.

(Brian Smith/The Coloradoan via AP)

Boise State forward Anthony Drmic reacts after his team blows an opportunity to tie the game during Colorado State's 97-93 double overtime win over the Broncos on Wednesday in Fort Collins, Colo.

When they waved off the basket, Rice really saw red.

"I was all ready to run to the locker room and dump Gatorade on each other," Rice said.

Even Colorado State coach Larry Eustachy felt that was a wrap.

At his postgame news conference Wednesday, Eustachy said he was just "waiting to hear the bad news. When they (the players) saw me turn around and clap, they were excited. They were really excited. It took a lot of courage to figure out the right call. Clearly, when he caught it to when he got it off, it took 1.3 seconds. ... Bizarre game. Bizarre."

The league said in its release Thursday that a "clear 1.2 to 1.3 seconds elapsed from the time the player touched the ball to the time the shot was released, and that the game clock did not start for several tenths of a second after the initial touch. Thus, the basket did not count — regardless of what was ultimately reflected on the game clock or what other unofficial video replays may appear to indicate."

Not only that, but the league also commented on a play just before Webb's shot, when Colorado State turned the ball over and extra time appeared to run off the clock. The league determined the clock stopped correctly at 0.8 seconds "once the official blew his whistle for the backcourt violation. His whistle stopped the clock automatically via the Precision Timing System at that instant."

Oh, and for the record: It was a sophisticated timing device that was used, not a stopwatch.

"At first, I was like, 'A stopwatch? What?'" Rice said, when hearing the play was possibly overturned by using a stopwatch. "A terrible choice of words. You're thinking, 'They went to a stop watch? What is this — the 1950s?' That throws you for a loop."

Now, the Broncos are putting this all behind them. They're 16-9 and trying to stay within reach of front-running San Diego State in the conference chase.

"They battled, did everything, controlled everything they could control," Rice said. "That's what we focus on. We made 18 3-pointers. We played well together. Were we perfect? No. We weren't perfect. We didn't get the game done.

"But when it comes down to minuscule seconds, you can't fault them. I saw a really good basketball team out there in orange."

BRIEFLY

Pendleton to hold baseball camp

PENDLETON — Baseball season is right around the corner, and the Pendleton Buckaroos are gearing up.

Pendleton will hold its youth baseball camp for ages 5-14 on April 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bob White Field.

The camp will feature instruction from the Buckaroos high school players and coaches, and will focus on offensive and defensive fundamentals for all positions.

Participants are asked to bring their own glove, cleats, tennis shoes, baseball pants (if possible), batting gloves and a bat (if possible). Catchers are also asked to bring their own gear.

The cost for the camp is $50, which includes the cost of a camp t-shirt. To register, visit www.buckaroobaseball.com for the online form.

Diaper Dash to assist local mothers in need

HERMISTON — Hermiston Nazarene Church will be holding the Diaper Dash on Saturday, March 5, at 8:30 a.m.

The event will consist of runs of 5k, 10k and a one-mile for children age 5 and under.

Registration fee is one pack of diapers for local mothers in need of assistance.

Race T-shirts are available for $10 if registered by Feb. 19.

Register online at HermistonNazarene.org or pick up a registration form at the church office at 1520 W. Orchard Ave in Hermiston.

— East Oregonian

WAR ON 84: District bracket could produce rematches

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he hopes Eng, a first-year wrestler, remembers that match for a long time.

"You know, Daylon's real green, he just started this last spring with us," he said. "He's a first-year wrestler and he's got a lot of work to do to get to where he wants to be, to get to where Hermiston wants him to be.

"But again, he wrestled six minutes, wrestled hard, and if you wrestle hard and finish matches good things are going to happen, and that's what he saw tonight and hopefully he carries that into the district tournament and keeps winning matches."

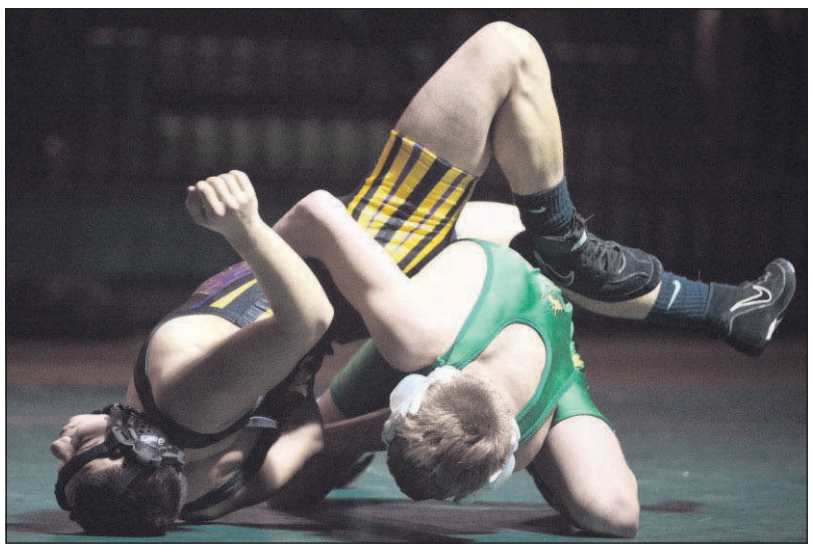
Two bouts later in the dual, Hermiston secured the victory despite taking a loss when Pendleton 126-pounder Alex Rendon edged Isaiah Aguilar 3-2.

Rendon's win brought the team tally to 37-10, but with just four matches left, and he scored the winning takedown late in the third period after neither wrestler seemed eager to force the action early.

"I knew from the beginning that it was going to be a close match and I might wrestle him again in districts or state," said the Pendleton freshman. "We've wrestled each other and been really close growing up, and I knew it was going to be tough."

"I (was) just trying to keep it close at the beginning of it and then get into it at the end of it," said Aguilar, a junior, who scored the bout's final point on an escape with 13 seconds left.

Larson agreed with Rendon's speculation of a future meeting with much more on the line, and said he'd like to see Aguilar come out more aggressively the next time.



Pendleton's Lane Evens scores a near fall against Hermiston's Ruben Madrigal in the 106-pound bout Thursday in Pendleton.

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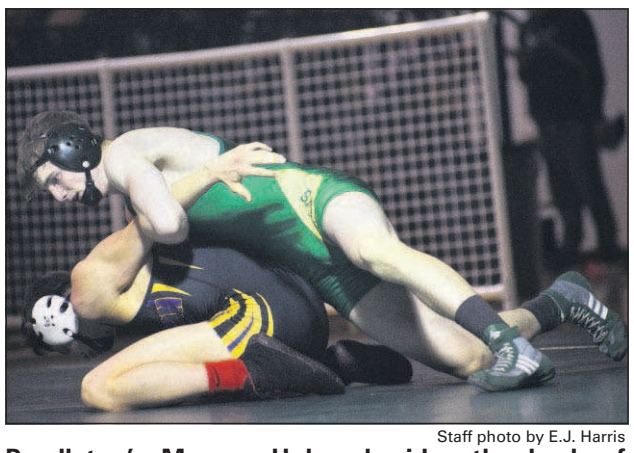

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Pendleton's Morgan Holcomb rides the back of Hermiston's C.J. Hendon in the 145-pound match Thursday in Pendleton.

"We've got to get in the middle of the mat and put together a few moves — a one-two-three punch," he said. "One shot's not going to take a guy down that's been wrestling a long time.

"(Rendon's) been in the wrestling room, he's wrestled forever. One shot's not going to do it. You've got to take one and another, and another, get three shots — it might take five shots to take a guy down like that. Once Isaiah figures that out he'll be alright."

Another match that could end up getting replayed later this season was at 145 pounds, where Pendleton's Morgan Holcomb scored five points in the final period to pull away from Hermiston's C.J. Hendon for a 9-3 win.

"C.J.'s a really tough wrestler," said Holcomb, a junior that is 25-1 this season. "I've been wrestling him since we were little kids and we always went on and off. We both battled hard and it was a fun match for me."

Hendon briefly took a 3-2 lead in the second period on a reversal, but Holcomb scored a reversal with 26 seconds left in the period that would end up being the winning points.

However, there was no reversing Hermiston's dominance in the dual, which started with the 160-pound weight class.

The Bulldogs won five matches by pin, two by major decision, one by tech fall and one by forfeit.

Earning pins for Hermiston were Brock McDonough (170 pounds), Bob Coleman (182), Beau Blake (285), Liam Tarvin (120) and Will Sharkey (152).

Up next for both squads is the nine-team District 4 tournament beginning next Friday at Mountain View High School in Bend.

"It's going to be a really tough districts this year, it's the toughest one in the state," Holcomb said.

HERMISTON 52, PENDLETON 13

160, Joey Gutierrez (H) def. JD Peters MD 11-2 (4-0)
170, Brock McDonough (H) pins Gabe Goad 1:51 (10-0)
182, Bob Coleman (H) pins Greg Lee 2:52 (16-0)
195, Marcus Taylor (P) def. Kenny Bevan 7-2 (16-3)
220, Sam Colbray (H) wins by forfeit (22-3)
285, Beau Blake (H) pins Jacob Banks :57 (28-3)
106, Lane Evens (P) def. Ruben Madrigal MD 23-10 (28-7)
113, Daylon Eng (H) def. Chris Chambers 7-6 (31-7)
120, Liam Tarvin (H) pins Blake Davis 1:50 (37-7)
126, Alex Rendon (P) def. Isaiah Aguilar 3-2 (37-10)
132, Andy Wagner (H) def. Brendon Bedolla TF 16-0 (42-10)
138, Adrian Tuia (H) def. Scott Chambers MD 12-4 (46-10)
145, Morgan Holcomb (P) def. CJ Hendon 9-3 (46-13)
152, Will Sharkey (H) pins Taylor Williamson :37 (52-13)

Athlete of the Week

Twenty questions with Shaw Broncheau

East Oregonian

EO: Favorite sports team?
Shaw Broncheau: Golden State Warriors
Favorite athlete?
Stephen Curry
Favorite sport to play?
Basketball
Best memory at Weston-McEwen?
Beating Heppner on Friday
Favorite movie?
I, Robot
Favorite TV show?
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
Favorite music genre?
Hip-Hop
Favorite musical artist?
Kendrick Lamar
Favorite restaurant?
KFC
Favorite candy bar?
Milky Way
Coca-Cola or Pepsi?
Pepsi
Favorite family recipe?
Mom's chicken noodle soup
Favorite color?
Green
Favorite subject in school?
English
Dream job?
High school guidance counselor
Dream vacation spot?
Bahamas
Favorite thing to do on weekends?
Hang out with friends and go to the movies
PlayStation or Xbox?
Xbox
Hidden talents?
I'm a good dancer
Biggest influence on your life?
My mom

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today
Culver at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Heppner, 6 p.m.
Stanfield at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Umatilla at Vale, 6 p.m.
Riverside at Nyssa, 6:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Pendleton, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington at Sherman, 7:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Dufur, 7:30 p.m.
South Wasco at Ione, 7:30 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 7:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.
Joseph at Helix, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Dufur at Arlington, 4 p.m.
Joseph at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Helix at Pine Eagle, 5:30 p.m.
Sherman at Condon/Wheeler, 5:30 p.m.
Ione at Horizon Christian, 5:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today
Umatilla at Vale, 5 p.m.
Hermiston at Pendleton, 5:45 p.m.
Arlington at Sherman, 6 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Dufur, 6 p.m.
South Wasco at Ione, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 6 p.m.
Joseph at Helix, 6 p.m.
Culver at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
Riverside at Nyssa, 7 p.m.
Stanfield at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Dufur at Arlington, 2:30 p.m.
Joseph at Nixyaawii 2:30 p.m.
Helix at Pine Eagle, 4 p.m.
Ione at Horizon Christian, 4 p.m.
Sherman at Condon/Wheeler, 4 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Today
Echo, Riverside at 3A Special District 1 meet (Hermiston), 5 p.m.
Saturday
Echo, Riverside at 3A Special District 1 meet (Hermiston), 10 a.m.
Heppner, Irrigon at 2A/1A Special District 4 meet (Grant Union), 10 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at district meet (Hood River), 10 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Blue Mountain at Spokane, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 4 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday
Eastern Oregon at Oregon Tech, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Blue Mountain at Spokane, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 2 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday
Eastern Oregon at Oregon Tech, 3 p.m.

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	35	17	.673	—
Boston	32	23	.582	4½
New York	23	32	.418	13½
Brooklyn	14	40	.259	22
Philadelphia	8	45	.151	27½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	24	.564	—
Miami	29	24	.547	1
Charlotte	27	26	.509	3
Washington	23	28	.451	6
Orlando	23	29	.442	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	38	14	.731	—
Indiana	28	25	.528	10½
Chicago	27	25	.519	11
Detroit	27	27	.500	12
Milwaukee	22	32	.407	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	8	.849	—
Memphis	31	22	.585	14
Dallas	29	26	.527	17
Houston	27	28	.491	19
New Orleans	20	33	.377	25

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	40	14	.741	—
Portland	27	27	.500	13
Utah	26	26	.500	13
Denver	22	32	.407	18
Minnesota	17	37	.315	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	48	4	.923	—
L.A. Clippers	35	18	.660	13½
Sacramento	22	31	.415	26½
Phoenix	14	40	.259	35
L.A. Lakers	11	44	.200	38½

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee 99, Washington 92
Oklahoma City 121, New Orleans 95
Today's Games
No games scheduled — All-Star Break

NCAA

Women's Top 25
Thursday
2. South Carolina (23-1) beat No. 16 Florida 86-71. Next: at No. 25 Tennessee, Monday.
5. Maryland (22-3) beat Purdue 73-59. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.
7. Ohio State (20-4) beat Iowa 98-81. Next: at Penn State, Sunday.
10. Florida State (20-4) beat Duke 69-53. Next: vs. North Carolina, Sunday.
11. Mississippi State (21-5) lost to No. 15 Texas A&M 64-58. Next: vs. No. 18 Kentucky, Thursday.
12. Louisville (19-6) beat Pittsburgh 84-61. Next: vs. No 22 South Florida, Monday.
15. Texas A&M (17-7) beat No. 11 Mississippi State 64-58. Next: at Mississippi, Monday.
16. Florida (19-5) lost to No. 2 South Carolina 86-71. Next: at Auburn, Sunday.
17. Michigan State (18-6) lost to Penn State 65-61. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.
19. Miami (21-4) beat Georgia Tech 58-55. Next: at No. 3 Notre Dame, Sunday.
25. Tennessee (15-9) beat Vanderbilt 69-51. Next: vs. No. 2 South Carolina, Monday.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	54	32	16	6	70	155	123
Detroit	54	28	18	8	64	137	135
Boston	54	29	19	6	64	163	149
Tampa Bay	53	29	20	4	62	142	130
Montreal	55	27	24	4	58	151	146
Ottawa	56	25	25	6	56	161	177
Buffalo	55	21	28	6	48	126	155
Toronto	53	19	25	9	47	127	154

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	53	40	9	4	84	178	121
N.Y. Rangers	54	31	18	5	67	156	137
N.Y. Islanders	53	29	18	6	64	154	134
Pittsburgh	53	27	19	7	61	139	138
New Jersey	55	27	21	7	61	124	129
Philadelphia	53	24	20	9	57	129	143
Carolina	54	24	21	9	57	130	144
Columbus	56	22	28	6	50	144	176

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	58	36	18	4	76	161	134
Dallas	55	35	15	5	75	180	149
St. Louis	56	30	17	9	69	136	134
Colorado	57	28	25	4	60	154	158
Nashville	54	25	21	8	58	141	145
Minnesota	54	23	21	10	56	133	136
Winnipeg	54	24	27	3	51	140	159

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	53	32	18	3	67	148	126
San Jose	53	28	20	5	61	156	145
Anaheim	53	26	19	8	60	122	128
Vancouver	54	22	20	12	56	129	147
Arizona	53	24	23	6	54	140	164
Calgary	53	25	25	3	53	145	158
Edmonton	56	22	29	5	49	142	169

Thursday's Games
Columbus 4, Anaheim 3, SO
Calgary 6, San Jose 5, SO
N.Y. Islanders 5, Los Angeles 2
Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 1
Colorado 4, Ottawa 3
Washington 4, Minnesota 3
Boston 6, Winnipeg 2
Dallas 4, Chicago 2
Edmonton 5, Toronto 2
Today's Games
Montreal at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
Calgary at Arizona, 6 p.m.

Golf

Pebble Beach Pro-Am

p-Pebble Beach Golf Links
m-Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Shore Course
s-Spyglass Hill Golf Club

First Round

Chez Reavie	33-30—63	-8m
Freddie Jacobson	31-34—65	-7p
Cameron Smith	29-35—64	-7m
Bronson Burgoon	34-30—64	-7m
Justin Rose	32-34—66	-6s
Dawie van der Walt	32-34—66	-6p
Roberto Castro	33-33—66	-6p
Ricky Barnes	30-35—65	-6m
Shane Bertsch	32-34—66	-6p
J.B. Holmes	34-32—66	-6s
Spencer Levin	32-34—66	-6p
Jason Gore	32-34—66	-5m
Hiroshi Iwata	31-35—66	-5m
Ryan Ruffels	34-33—67	-5p
Rhein Gibson	35-32—67	-5s

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SHAW BRONCHEAU
Weston-McEwen Basketball

Broncheau scored a team-high 16 points to help Weston-McEwen upset first place Heppner on Friday, and then scored 18 points to help the TigerScots clinch a spot in the district tournament with a win over Pilot Rock on Saturday.

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