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OSU women win Pac-12 title

SEATTLE — The road to success is often paved with failure.

For the Oregon State women's basketball team, that has been the case at times over the past few seasons.

But while the Beavers may have fallen short a time or two, they never wavered in the philosophy that each setback was a lesson they needed to learn from in order to get to where they eventually want to be.

Behind what coach Scott Rueck said was quite possibly the most impressive half of basketball one of his Oregon State teams has played in his nearly six full seasons, the top-seeded Beavers backed up their regular season conference co-championship with a tournament title after a 69-57 win over No. 3 seed UCLA at KeyArena on Sunday night.



Manning says time is right to retire

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — His voice cracking with emotion, Peyton Manning said good bye to the game he loved at a news conference packed with friends, family and laughter.

He threw in some Scripture, some fond memories and even a dig at Super Bowl 50 MVP Von Miller, whom

he thanked for taking a break "from your celebrity tour to be here today."

He ended it with his signature "Omaha!" and then posed for pictures with more than a dozen of his former teammates with the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos, each of whom he helped win a Super Bowl.

Manning, a two-time Super Bowl champion who turns 40 this month, said the timing was simply right to call an end to his 18-year NFL career.

He finishes with 71,940 yards passing, 539 touchdown and a career passer rating of 96.5.

"Like last year, it's these guys behind me. Put me in the right spot, talking to me. It's chemistry. Offering it to the program. It's bringing it back where it belongs. Just playing for the Beavers."

— **Gary Payton II**
Oregon State basketball guard after winning Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight season on Monday. Payton is sixth in the country in steals (2.4) and is ninth in the Pac-12 in rebounding (7.6).

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1954 — The Milwaukee Hawks beat the Baltimore Bullets twice, 64-54 and 65-54, in the only double-header in NBA history involving the same teams.

2008 — At age 60, Saoul Mamby loses a unanimous 10-round decision to Anthony Osbourne in Grand Cayman. Mamby, a former super lightweight champion, becomes the oldest boxer in a sanctioned fight.

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MISSION

Golden Eagles cruise into third

Nixyaawii shoots 73 percent in first half

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BAKER CITY — The Nixyaawii Golden Eagles rebounded from Friday's disappointing loss in the semifinals to defeat the Damascus Christian Eagles 81-69 to finish in third place in Class 1A.

The game was a balanced effort on offense by Nixyaawii (27-2) as all five starters reached double figures in the game. Hunter McKay was the high scorer with 19 points on 7-13 shooting, earning him the Moda Health Player of the Game award. Both Damon Kipp and Ira

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Boys Hoops



Damascus
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Nixyaawii
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Photo courtesy of OSAA
The Nixyaawii boys basketball team poses with its third-place trophy from the OSAA 1A state championships on Saturday. The Golden Eagles beat Damascus Christian 81-69 in Baker City.

PENDLETON

Millers knock Buckaroos from playoffs



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Pendleton's James Bradt sails toward the basket during Saturday's state playoff game against Springfield at Warberg Court.

Springfield pulls away in second half

By MATT ENTRUP
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After four lead changes in the first quarter and a couple of nice runs by each team to close out the half, Saturday's 5A boys basketball first round game between the Pendleton Buckaroos and Springfield Millers looked to have the makings of a nail-biter heading into the locker rooms at the break.

That never materialized, though, and the Millers came out strong in the second half to pull away and eliminate the Bucks from the postseason with a 64-49 win.

With a lethal combination of top-end guard play and strong posts, the Millers (18-7) proved to be too much for the Bucks (15-8), which struggled at the rim after intermission.

Springfield's Nick Ah Sam poured in 12 of his game-high 30 points in the third quarter to lead his team to the state tournament's final site.

Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder said they knew Ah Sam was they player they needed to stop coming into the game, they just couldn't do it.

"He's a high caliber player, shoot he was Player of the Year in their conference as a sophomore," he said. "We knew what he could do and we did everything we could do to stop him. We had Kai (Quinn) and Mekhi (Foreman) on him all night, trying to not let him get the ball and he still had 30, so much respect to him and they played really well."

"It's tough when you've got a player like (Ah Sam) who can drive the way the way he can," said Pendleton senior Daniel Adams. "They also have two shooters that you've got to have help side on, so it's tough. He's tough to

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Boys Hoops



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UMATILLA

Vikings hold off Portland Adventist for fourth

Umatilla win first state trophy since 2011

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NORTH BEND — The Umatilla Vikings went the entire fourth quarter without making a field goal, but hit just enough free throws to hold off Portland Adventist 41-39 in the OSAA 3A fourth-place game on Saturday at North Bend High School.

Aleesha Watson's jump shot with 1:33 left in the third quarter capped an 11-1 run by the Vikings to take a 36-27 lead into the final frame. She then sank one of two free throws with 25 seconds left in the game to reach the final tally.

Portland Adventist's Kaitlynn Knapp pulled her team within one with 40 seconds left when she hit



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Portland Adventist
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a three-pointer that made it 40-39, but with a chance to tie in the final seconds Emma MacLachan missed a layup and Umatilla's Courtney Dohman grabbed the last of her nine rebounds to secure the win.

Dohman scored the first points in the game, which had six lead changes and four ties and finished with six points.

Watson led Umatilla with 13 points and added seven rebounds, Brenda Campos went 3 for 4 at the free throw line in the fourth quarter and finished with nine points and nine rebounds, and Sidney Webb

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Photo courtesy of OSAA
The Umatilla girls basketball team poses with its fourth-place trophy from the OSAA 3A state championships on Saturday. Umatilla beat Portland Adventist 41-39 in North Bend.