

Women's College Basketball

Oregon State earns No. 2 seed, will host Troy

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CORVALLIS — Pacific-12 tournament champion Oregon State earned the second seed in the West Region and will host 15th-seeded Troy on Friday afternoon at Gill Coliseum.

Oregon State is the only Pac-12 school that has both its men's and women's teams in the NCAA Tournament.

"To play in front of our home crowd is huge," said senior Jamie Weisner, the Pac-12 Player of the Year who is averaging 17.3 points and

5.5 rebounds.

The sixth-ranked Beavers (28-4) set a team record for most wins in a season and won a share of the Pac-12 regular season title before beating UCLA in the conference tournament final. Their seeding is the highest in school history.

The Beavers have won 18 of their last 19 games.

"Happy for this team to get what I feel like they deserve and what they earned," coach Scott Rueck said.

Troy (20-12) won its first Sun Belt Tournament title

after its second straight 20-win season. The Trojans are making their second NCAA Tournament appearance, and first since 1997.

Troy guard Ashley Beverly Kelley is averaging 20.3 points per game.

Seventh-seed Oklahoma State will play No. 10 seed St. Bonaventure in the late game Friday.

Oklahoma State (21-9) fell 61-43 to No. 24 Oklahoma in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament on Saturday.

St. Bonaventure (23-7) fell to

VCU 59-50 in the Atlantic 10 Tournament quarterfinals.

It is Oklahoma State's fourth straight appearance in the tournament.

"We're very excited. These kids are very deserving of an NCAA bid and we've got to go to work to find some things out about St. Bonaventure and get a scout started as quick as possible, but we need to enjoy this. It doesn't happen to everyone," Cowgirls coach Jim Littell said.

The winners of each game Friday will play on Sunday.

BRIEFLY

Fundraiser tournament a big draw

PENDLETON — Seventy-six golfers weathered high winds and rain showers to compete in Pendleton Country Club's annual Reggie Brown Memorial Fundraiser over the weekend.

All proceeds from the event go to fund the Pendleton High School golf teams and provide scholarships for graduating seniors.

The team of "Last Minute" took home overall gross champion honors. The foursome of Ryan Garton and Chris Jacky of Walla Walla, and Tom Smith and Kal Garton of Pendleton shot a two-day score of 203.

Earning net champion honors was team "Humble Haley", all of Pendleton. The foursome of Haley Greb, Brayden Pulver, Mitch Morioka and Megan George came in with a handicap-adjusted score of 184.

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amazing," Hoffert said. "It's one of those bittersweets. We sat around and we watched the state tournament. We just felt we didn't play our best game against Corvallis."

Padilla, who had an impressive tournament in full, had arguably her best game of the season on Saturday, recording the double-double in a key moment. Though she wasn't recognized after the game, an unfortunate part of being a blue-collar player Hoffert said, she gives great reason to once again be excited about next season.

"She was outstanding," Hoffert said of the junior wing. "She had a pretty good state tournament rebounding and defensively. She did a great job."

Hermiston found itself down 11-4 in the first quarter of Saturday's game after an Emma McKenney 3-pointer, and the Spartans pushed the lead to 11 after two Claire Eagen layups.

Hermiston closed the gap some by the end of the period, finishing the initial stanza down 17-10. Marist had good success that frame scoring inside, recording 10 points in the paint to Hermiston's four.

Marist's inside success was a function of a new defense Hermiston tried. Instead of hedging and switching pick and rolls as usual, they tried to slip under the ball screens, but struggled. It's part of their normal defense, Hoffert said, but different enough they couldn't quite figure it out. So before the second quarter they went back to their attacking-style defense with switches and hedges, and totally limited the Spartans. After scoring 17 points in the first quarter, Marist scored just 19 the rest of the game.

"The difference was, we just went ahead and switched everything and bodied people up and forced them to make a second, third move, (a) second, third decision," Hoffert said. "And we were more successful for that defensively than they were offensively."

"Obviously, what we do is effective. It was proven the last three quarters. Offensively we were slow the first quarter. We just weren't taking it to Marist."

The Bulldogs took control



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Maddy Juul puts up a shot surrounded by Marist's Emma McKenney (23), Madison Ficek and Claire Eagan (15) in the Bulldogs' 64-36 win against the Spartans on Saturday in Corvallis.



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Hermiston's Jansen Edmiston draws contact from Marist's Lauren Eagan in the Bulldogs' 64-36 win against the Spartans on Saturday in Corvallis.

in the second quarter behind hot shooting from Ramirez. The Bulldogs started the quarter on a 12-5 run that catapulted them in front at 23-22 with 4:20 on the clock. Ramirez made a 3-pointer and a layup in the sequence and had five of Hermiston's 12 points during the run.

"We didn't really panic, but I know that none of us wanted to lose, so we were gonna do whatever it took to win," Edmiston said of the first-half comeback.

Hermiston pulled away in the second quarter, entering halftime leading 31-24. After scoring 10 points in the paint

during the first quarter, Marist got none in the second.

Hermiston pulled away for good in the third. The Bulldogs scored 15 points to Marist's six, growing the lead to 18 points at the buzzer. The lead grew to nearly 30 points in the fourth quarter, giving Hermiston a convincing win to take home its seventh-straight state trophy and ninth overall.

Hermiston led in points off turnovers (8-2), points in paint (20-18) and second chance points (15-2). Marist had more success running and coming off the bench, leading in fast break points (4-0) and bench scoring (12-4).

For the second time in three years, Hermiston was awarded the 5A Sportsmanship Award. Edmiston was also named to the second-team all-tournament team.

"On top of how we ended, to get that honor from the state, that's equally as valuable as any state trophy," Hoffert said of the sportsmanship award. "It says a lot of our community, our players and our fans. I was told it was an overwhelming, unanimous choice. It's nice to know we're recognized like that."

MHS (17-11) 17 7 6 6 — 36
HHS (24-4) 10 21 17 17 — 65
MARIST — E McKenney 8, C Eagen 7, L Eagen 6; T Stokton-McLean 6, A Haney 4; K. Knudtson 3, K. Elliott 2; M. Ficek 0; M. Peterson 0, S. Johnson 0, M. Williams 0, H. Harrison 0.

HERMISTON — J. Edmiston 16, S. Ramirez 15, M. Juul 14, K. Padilla 14, R. Andreason 2, Hayden Meyers 2, C. Wheeler 1; K. Heister 1, J. Thomas 0, H. Thompson 0, S. Gilbert 0.

3-pointers — MHS 2, HHS 3. Free throws — MHS 12-13, HHS 34-48. Fouls — MHS 30, HHS 9. Fouled out — H. Harrison (MHS), C. Eagen (MHS), L. Eagen (MHS), T. Stockton-McLean (MHS).

PREPS: Dufur downs Riverside baseball

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mental mistakes and the only two runs (Riverside) got were both earned, which you don't like to see.

"But we hit the ball good after the first inning and made some nice defensive plays."

Next up for the Rockets are games against Central Linn and Enterprise on Friday in the Pilot Rock Tournament. They play at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Riverside will be back in action at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday at Irrigon.

RHS	100	01	—	R	H	E
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S. Wightman and Campos. R. Holman, E. Lankford (4), T. Ostrom (5) and R. Oates, V. Walker (5). W — Holman. L — Wightman.

2B — S. Weinke, S. Fitzpatrick, M. Dave, D. Maddern (PR). 3B — B. Roe (PR).

Baseball

DUFUR 7, RIVERSIDE 3 — At Boardman, the Pirates were able to stay clean in the field but couldn't string enough hits together against the Rangers on Monday as both teams opened their season.

Both teams had nine hits, but Riverside (0-1)

coach Jarret Thompson said Dufur (1-0) did a better job of linking them.

"Our goal was to play clean baseball early this season and I thought we did a good job of that," Thompson said of the Pirates' error-free fielding. "Our pitching was sharp, our defense was sharp, we just need to take advantage of our opportunities at the plate better."

"Dufur clustered their hits together and ours were spread out and that was the difference in the game."

Wayne Killion went 3 for 4 with a double and a triple for Riverside and Ulises Calvillo went 2 for 4 with a double.

Dufur also hit three doubles in the game, but Thompson said his book-keeper didn't record the names of the players that hit them.

Riverside will play next at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday at Irrigon.

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Dufur battery unavailable. D. Bingham, A. Corpus (4), M. Hegar (7) and S. Bither. L — Bingham.

2B — U. Calvillo, W. Killion (RHS). 3B — W. Killion (RHS).

TRACK & FIELD: Helix throwers finish in top 15

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Glover was 10th in long jump with a leap of 4.78 meters in an event won by Milwaukie senior Tieara Norman (5.52).

Pendleton senior Keagan Utter had the other top 10 finish. She was 10th in shot put with her heave of 9.98 meters, and finished just ahead of two Helix athletes.

Helix seniors Tegan Jackson (9.9 meters) and Makenzie Mize (8.83) proved they're on track for big seasons at the OSAA's 1A level by placing 11th and 13th, respectively.

Central Linn senior Sydney Belcastro won the event with a distance of 12.3.

Also narrowly missing the top 10 was Hermiston junior Audrey Lincoln, who placed 11th in the 200 meters with a time of 26.85 seconds. She was 14th in the 60-meter dash in 8.14.

Hillsboro senior Krissy

Thomas won those events in 25.21 and 7.72.

The first local track meet of the season will begin at noon on Thursday in Pendleton.

Portland Indoor Track Classic GIRLS

60 meter dash
Audrey Lincoln, Hermiston, 8.14, 14th
Elsa Torres, Hermiston, 8.36, 28th

200 meter dash
Audrey Lincoln, Hermiston, 26.85, 11th
Elsa Torres, Hermiston, DNS

800 meter run
Taryn Sokoloski, Pendleton, 2:36.31, 39th

1 mile run
Macey Tullis, Helix, DNS
Lucy Case, Helix, DNS

Shot put
Keagan Utter, Pendleton, 9.98m, 10th
Tegan Jackson, Helix, 9.9m, 11th
Makenzie Mize, Helix, 8.83m, 13th

Long jump
Kiara Glover, Pendleton, 4.78m, 10th

BOYS

60 meter dash
Andrew Horn, Hermiston, DNS

200 meter dash
Andrew Horn, Hermiston, 25.26, 42nd

800 meter run
Nolan Bylenga, Pendleton, 1:57.15, 2nd
Andrew Porter, Pendleton, 2:08.8, 40th

1 mile run
Nolan Bylenga, Pendleton, 4:36.31, 23rd

Shot put
Sam Carlson, Helix, 11.95m, 18th

Long jump
Dylan Clemons, Pendleton, 4.81m, 21st

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL	
Today Hermiston at Ridgeview, 4 p.m. College Place (WA) at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 4 p.m. Southridge (WA) at Pendleton, 4 p.m.	Thursday Riverside at Irrigon, 3:30 p.m. Union at Stanfield (DH), 4/6 p.m. Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4:30 p.m.
Friday Joseph at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m. Dufur at Umatilla (DH), 2/4 p.m. Pendleton at Hanford (WA), 3/5 p.m. Central Catholic at Hermiston, 4 p.m.	Saturday, March 19 Weston-McEwen at Dayton (WA), 2 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL	
Today Ridgeview at Hermiston, 4 p.m. Hanford (WA) at Pendleton, 4 p.m.	Thursday Union at Echo, 3 p.m. Riverside at Irrigon, 3:30 p.m. Umatilla at Heppner, 4:30 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Friday Central Linn at Pilot Rock, 9 a.m. Weston-McEwen vs. Scio (at Pilot Rock), 11 a.m. Weston-McEwen vs. Central Linn (at Pilot Rock), 1 p.m. Liberty at Hermiston (DH), 3/5:30 p.m. Kamiakin (WA) at Pendleton (DH), 3/5 p.m. Enterprise at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.	Saturday Scio at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m. Weston-McEwen vs. Enterprise (at Pilot Rock), 1 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD	
Thursday Pendleton, Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen, Stanfield, Pilot Rock, Irrigon, Heppner, Helix at Buck Track Classic, Noon	
PRETENNIS	
Today Hermiston at Hanford (WA), 4 p.m. Mac-Hi at College Place (WA), 4 p.m.	Thursday Helix, Weston-McEwen at Umatilla, 4 p.m.

Saturday Hermiston boys at AC Davis (WA), 3:30 p.m.	PREP GOLF
Today Hermiston, Pendleton girls at The Dalles, 10 a.m.	Thursday Heppner at Willow Creek, 2 p.m. Mac-Hi at Milton-Freewater, 2:30 p.m.
Friday Pendleton, Hermiston boys at The Dalles, 10 a.m.	
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
Saturday PBA at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.	Sunday Olympic at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
Friday North Idaho at Blue Mountain (DH), 2/4 p.m.	Saturday Spokane at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Basketball	
	OSAA
Saturday's Boys Games	6A
4th place: Sheldon 58, JESUIT 47	3rd place: SOUTH SALEM 79, Jefferson-Portland 57
1st place: WEST LINN 74, South Medford 48	5A
4th place: MOUNTAIN VIEW 81, Churchill 76 (OT)	3rd place: SUMMIT 55, Corvallis 53
1st place: WILSONVILLE 47, Liberty 31	4A
4th place: Astoria 56, COTTAGE GROVE 46	3rd place: Gladstone 64, SCAPPOOSE 48
2nd place: PHILLMATH 55, Seaside 45 (10:37pm 3/12/16)	
Saturday's Girls Games	6A
4th place: McNary 57, SOUTH MEDFORD 52 (OT)	3rd place: JESUIT 53, Canby 45
1st place: WEST LINN 74, South Medford 48	5A
4th place: HERMISTON 64, Marist Catholic 36	3rd place: Corvallis 51, LA SALLE PREP 37
1st place: SILVERTON 39, Springfield 38	4A

4th place: BANKS 51, Brookings-Harbor 28	Golden State 125, New Orleans 107
3rd place: MAZAMA 56, La Grande 50	Utah 94, Cleveland 85
1st place: Sutherlin 45, CASCADE 40	Today's Games
	Boston at Indiana, 4 p.m.
	Denver at Orlando, 4 p.m.
	Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
	Toronto at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
	L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
	Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
NCAA	
Men's Conference championships	
Big 10 Conference Michigan State 66, Purdue 62	
Atlantic 10 Conference Saint Joseph's 87, VCU 74	
Southeastern Conference Kentucky 82, Texas A&M 77, OT	
Sun Belt Conference UALR 70, Louisiana-Monroe 50	
America East Conference Stony Brook 80, Vermont 74	
Atlantic Coast Conference North Carolina 61, Virginia 57	
Big 12 Conference Kansas 81, West Virginia 71	
Big East Conference Seton Hall 69, Villanova 67	
Big Sky Conference Weber St. 62, Montana 59	
Big West Conference Hawaii 64, Long Beach St. 60	
Conference USA Middle Tennessee 55, Old Dominion 53	
Mid-American Conference Buffalo 64, Akron 61	
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hampton 81, SC State 69	
Mountain West Conference Fresno St. 68, San Diego St. 63	
Pacific-12 Conference Oregon 88, Utah 57	
Southland Conference Stephen F. Austin 82, Texas A&M-CC 60	
Southwestern Athletic Conference Southern U. 54, Jackson St. 53	
Western Athletic Conference CS Bakersfield 57, New Mexico St. 54	
NBA	
Sunday's Games	
Cleveland 114, L.A. Clippers 90	
Utah 108, Sacramento 99	
Atlanta 104, Indiana 75	
Milwaukee 109, Brooklyn 100	
New York 90, L.A. Lakers 87	
Monday's Games	
Dallas 107, Charlotte 96	
Chicago 109, Toronto 107	
Miami 124, Denver 119	
Houston 130, Memphis 81	
Oklahoma City 128, Portland 94	
Washington 124, Detroit 81	
Phoenix 107, Minnesota 104	

Hockey	NHL
Sunday's Games	
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 3	
Tampa Bay 4, Columbus 0	
Toronto 1, Detroit 0	
Monday's Games	
N.Y. Islanders 3, Florida 2	
Los Angeles 5, Chicago 0	
Calgary 7, St. Louis 4	
Nashville 3, Edmonton 2	
Winnipeg 5, Vancouver 2	
Anaheim 7, New Jersey 1	
Today's Games	
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.	
Carolina at Washington, 4 p.m.	
Detroit at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.	
Florida at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.	
Minnesota at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.	
Los Angeles at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.	
Boston at San Jose, 7 p.m.	
Motorsports	
NASCAR	
Sprint Cup	
Good Sam 500 Top 10	
Sunday	
At Phoenix International Raceway	
Avondale, Ariz.	
Lap length: 1 miles	
(Start position in parentheses)	
1. (18) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 313 laps, 140.4 rating, 45 points.	
2. (2) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 313, 128.9, 40.	
3. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 313, 96.9, 38.	
4. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 313, 120.5, 38.	
5. (26) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 313, 117.3, 37.	
6. (4) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 313, 105.3, 35.	
7. (6) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 313, 89.6, 34.	
8. (17) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 313, 101, 33.	
9. (15) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 313, 103, 32.	
10. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 313, 82.5, 31.	



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Audrey Lincoln, of Hermiston and running unattached, ran 26:85 seconds in her heat of the 200-meter dash at the Portland Indoor Track Classic at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.