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Washington women reach Sweet 16

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Kelsey Plum scored 32 points, and the seventh-seeded Washington Huskies beat No. 2 Maryland 74-65 Monday night to reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 15 years.



Maryland (31-4) came in with a rich history of success in the postseason and a 10-game winning streak. The two-time Big Ten champions were also playing on their home floor.

None of that mattered to the seventh-seeded Huskies (24-10), who limited the Terrapins to 37 percent shooting and forced 15 turnovers in the stunning upset.

Grogan throws no-no for L-C State

LEWISTON, Idaho — Senior right-hander Quin Grogan asked for the ball and he delivered in a big way on Sunday, twirling the first complete-game

no-hitter for the Lewis-Clark State College baseball team since Feb. 19, 1999 in a 10-0 win over Simpson University.

The 2011 Stanfield High graduate is the 17th Warrior to toss a complete game no-hitter and it's the 25th no-no in program history.

Grogan allowed just two base runners on a pair of walks while striking out nine to earn his first win of the season. After sitting down the first four Redhawks, Grogan issued a pair of walks, but that's all Simpson got as the Warriors' rightly retired the next 17 to place his in name in the LCSC record books.

Grogan was named the Cascade Collegiate Conference Red Lion Baseball Pitcher of the Week on Monday.

"Along the journey you never want to take things for granted and accomplishments that happen along the way. You've got to take it in. It's not given every year ..."

— LeBron James

Speaking to reporters after scoring 33 points and adding 11 rebounds and 11 assists to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 124-91 win over the Denver Nuggets on Monday. It was James' 41st career triple double as the Cavs won their 50th game of the season and clinched the Central Division championship.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1969 — West Chester State beats Western Carolina 65-39 to win the first women's national college championship. The game is played using the six-player format.

2007 — Kobe Bryant becomes the fourth player in NBA history to score at least 50 points in three straight games. Bryant scores 60 points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 121-119 win over Memphis. Bryant joins Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain and Michael Jordan.

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PENDLETON

Pendleton piles on, sweeps Roseburg

Buckaroos' big day at plate leads to two wins

East Oregonian

The Pendleton Buckaroos broke out at the plate for 29 run on 35 hits to trounce Roseburg on Monday in a non-league baseball doubleheader at Bob White Field.

After combining for just 13 runs

on 14 hits in their first three games of the season, the Bucks nearly eclipsed both of those numbers with 18 hits in a 12-5 win to open up, then piled on another 17 hits to complete the sweep 17-7 in six innings.

First-year Pendleton coach T.J. Haguewood said the team has been



working hard on its plate approach in practice, and everything seemed to click against the Class 6A Indians.

"We played a quality Roseburg team and we just swung the bats really well today," he said. "We'd get down in the count and battle, had a lot of hits and runs scored

with two outs (Monday). We had great production up and down the lineup."

Kai Quinn led the Bucks (3-2) going 7 for 8 on the day with five RBI and four runs. Jack Peterson was 6 for 7 with one RBI and five runs, Devon Roe was 5 for 7 with four RBI and four runs, and James Bradt was 5 for 9 with two RBI and two runs.

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Men's College Basketball

Benson calms down Ducks



Oregon guard Casey Benson, left, shoots against Saint Joseph's guard Shavar Newkirk (1) during the first half of a second-round men's college basketball game in the NCAA Tournament in Spokane, Wash., Sunday, March 20, 2016.

Oregon guard sets tone for comeback win

By STEVE MIMS
The Register-Guard

SPOKANE — When Oregon fell behind Saint Joseph's 58-51 with less than 5 minutes remaining, the Ducks heard a familiar refrain from Casey Benson.

"In the huddle, I said, 'We're not losing this game,'" Benson said. "That's what I kept saying. It's huge to think that, because it's so easy to get down and discouraged so it's a matter of continuing to fight through it."

Benson had a similar message

when the Ducks blew a late lead and went into overtime against Arizona at the Pac-12 Tournament on March 11 before beating the Wildcats.

"That's what you expect from your point guard," senior forward Dwayne Benjamin said. "Once he said that, we took a step back and realized we played in a great league in the Pac-12 and had close games that we pulled out, so we didn't want to treat this different than any other games."

The top-seeded Ducks (30-6) scored 18 of the final 24 points to rally past eighth-seeded Saint

Joseph's 69-64 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Sunday night at Spokane Arena.

"Casey calmed us down and got us in our stuff," senior forward Elgin Cook said. "Coach called a time out and told us to settle down and then Casey got us in our plays."

While viewers around the nation thought the first No. 1 seed of the tournament would fall, the Ducks scored on eight of their final nine possessions to advance. They will face Duke in the West Regional semifinals on Thursday.

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Prep Softball

Bucks pick up pair

Pendleton extends season-opening win streak

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HAPPY VALLEY — The Pendleton softball team kept finding ways to win on Monday as it stretched

its season-opening winning streak to five games by beating Century, 6-1, and Oregon City, 4-3, at the Putnam Spring Break Bash.

Pendleton coach

Tim Cary said the Buckaroos didn't look their best against Century, but were able to rally for six runs in the third inning to secure victory.

"It was a game where we really didn't come out with a lot of energy and a lot of emotion," he said. "We had just gotten off the bus and we weren't real sharp. But we still got the win, didn't do anything spectacular, but a win is a win and we'll take it right now."

Tatum Fell hit a three-run home run during the Bucks' third, Rylee Gentner added

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Women's College Basketball

Seniors leave Gill in style

Oregon State advances to Sweet 16

By STEVE GRESS
Corvallis Gazette-Times

CORVALLIS — There was probably no better ending Sunday night as the crowd at Gill Coliseum had the chance to say goodbye to a senior class that has been instrumental in a monumental resurrection of the Oregon State women's basketball program.

First, the crowd had the opportunity to celebrate as Ruth Hamblin and Deven Hunter exited the Beavers' NCAA tournament second-round game with 3:11 left to

play and Oregon State firmly in command against St. Bonaventure.

Then came another whistle a few seconds later and out came Samantha Sieger.

Finally, 20 seconds later, the crowd rose to its feet once again to give Jamie Weisner — no doubt the heart and soul of the program that past four years — a standing ovation as she exited from a game inside Gill for the final time.

Those four seniors, who a little over four years ago bought into coach Scott Rueck's vision, enjoyed the final two or so minutes as the future of the program wrapped up a convincing 69-40 win over the Bonnies.

The victory sends the second-seeded Beavers into the Sweet 16 for the first

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Oregon State's Deven Hunter, left, and Jamie Weisner, celebrate after Oregon State defeated St. Bonaventure 69-40 in a second round women's college basketball game in the NCAA Tournament in Corvallis, Ore., on Sunday March 20, 2016.

From Saturday

TigerScots best Rockets in championship rematch

Lambert strikes out 15 to secure win

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

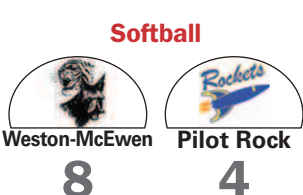
PILOT ROCK — Jessica Lambert's first outing of the 2016 was a little rocky, allowing six runs and six hits to the defending 4A state champion Mac-Hi Pioneers on Thursday night.

On Saturday, Lambert found her familiar dominance against the defending 2A state champion

Pilot Rock Rockets, striking out 15 batters in the Tiger-Scots 8-4 victory in the finale of the Pilot Rock Tournament.

"She's such a great competitor, and she keeps getting better and better," said TigerScots coach Jeff Griggs. "And she was pleased that the team didn't just score a few runs and force her to hang on."

The TigerScots (2-2) were especially happy to get the win and end a streak of four-straight losses to Pilot



Rock (4-1) dating back to last season. It is also the only time the two teams will meet this season with the TigerScots playing in 3A for conference play.

"There's something especially satisfying about getting this last (win)," Griggs said. "The girls set out with some different goals this season and one of them was to beat Pilot Rock."

Weston-McEwen put pressure on the Rockets right away to start

the game, when the TigerScots registered four-straight hits off of Pilot Rock pitcher Rebekkah Holman in the first inning to grab an early 3-0 lead.

Pilot Rock answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the first inning when lead-off hitter Bekah Roe ripped a triple over the head of the right fielder, and then scored on a fielders choice from Jaycee Wilson to cut the deficit to 3-1.

But for the Rockets offense, not much would happen over the next few innings, as Lambert allowed

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