

College Football

Frontier coaches pick EOU to finish 4th

East Oregonian

WHITEFISH, Mont. — With the 2016 campaign nearly a month away, the Eastern Oregon University football team was picked to finish fourth in Tuesday's Frontier Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Mountaineers tallied 27 points in the poll to finish behind Southern Oregon (48), Montana Tech (42) and Carroll (38).

Ninth-year head coach Tim Camp said he was happy with the ranking.

"I'm so excited about where we've positioned ourselves in our league," he said in a press release. "Everybody talks about how challenging it is, but we embrace that challenge and this opportunity."

Southern Oregon received six first-place votes while Montana Tech and Carroll each received one.

Camp sits just two victories away from becoming the winningest coach in program history. The squad's season opener is slated for Sept. 3 against Southern Oregon, last year's national runner-up. Kickoff in La Grande is set for 6 p.m.

Frontier Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll
First place votes in parentheses followed by total points.

	Pts
1, Southern Oregon (6)	48
2, Montana Tech (1)	42
3, Carroll (1)	38
4, Eastern Oregon	27
5, College of Idaho	25
6, Montana Western	20
7, Rocky Mountain	17
8, MSU-Northern	7

NOTE: Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams. First-place votes were worth seven points; second place, six points; third place, five points; fourth place, four points; fifth place, three points; sixth place, two points; and seventh place, one point.

OSU defense says it's better prepared

By JESSE SOWA
Albany Democrat-Herald

Kevin Clune, Oregon State football's new defensive coordinator, saw his players make strides in the spring.

Clune and the defensive staff had the players busy learning newly added "stuff." The coaches were happy with the progress in carrying that through on the field.

"Now let's see what they've retained when we start practice one,"

said Clune, a former Utah State assistant under OSU head coach Gary Andersen for four seasons who joined the Beavers in January.

"We think we've been teaching them but we'll see. You never know until you start scrimmaging."

Oregon State opens its fall camp, starting today, with six days of practices at Summit High School in Bend before returning to Corvallis to continue camp leading up to the Sept. 1 season opener at Minnesota.

The defensive focus will be improving on a disappointing season in 2015, which saw the Beavers finish 11th or 12th in the Pac-12 in most major categories.

OSU allowed 37 points and 481.5 yards per game. The Beavers had trouble getting pressure on opposing quarterbacks, finishing with a conference-worst 17 sacks, 10 behind the 11th-place team. They also tied for last in the Pac-12 with eight interceptions.

"This year I believe we're almost a hundred times more ready," said sophomore linebacker Bright Ugwoegbu. "We didn't take the season as serious as this team is right now. Although we did take it very serious last season, coming off a 2 and 10 season there's a bit of bitter and grit at the end of it that's pushing us even that much harder."

Oregon State returns five starters on defense and just two — nickelback Cyril Noland-Lewis and inside linebacker Caleb Saulo — have at least 10 career collegiate starts.

The defense is young, with a freshman or sophomore listed at the top of the pre-fall camp depth chart at seven different positions. When looking at potential first- and second-teamers, there are 15 total freshmen and sophomores.

"There's some players I really like, and I think we've got some real good players in spots ... but the depth in those positions may not be good," Clune said.

Olympics: Men's Basketball

Smooth sailing? US seeks more gold

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — There were so many questions about their cushy accommodations it seemed the Americans were on vacation.

Yes, the U.S. men's basketball team is staying on a cruise ship, with gorgeous views of Brazil's beautiful beaches.

But the Americans didn't come to Rio de Janeiro for fun and sun.

"We know what's our task at hand," veteran Carmelo Anthony said. "This is business for us. We're going out there to take care of business."

The U.S. team had its international introduction Thursday with its Olympic news conference, answering plenty of questions about where they're staying (the luxury yacht) and who's not playing (LeBron James and Stephen Curry).

It was the usual spectacle for a team that always draws a crowd at the Olympics, no matter who is on the roster. This one features 10 players with no Olympic experience, with only Anthony and Kevin Durant back from the team that won the Americans' second straight gold medal in 2012.

They're still considered the team to beat even with their inexperience, which is why Paul George had such trouble with his first attempt at Portuguese.

A local journalist tried to teach him the word for underdog, then asked if there was any chance the U.S. could fill that role.

"Of us being underdog?" he



AP Photo/Eric Gay

United States' Carmelo Anthony shoots during a basketball practice session for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016.

said. "No, I don't think we're the underdog."

Try heavy, heavy favorite.

The Americans open on Saturday against China, a team they beat by 49 and 50 points in exhibition play. So that game shouldn't be close, and it might be a while before they get one — if they get one — that is. But the U.S. players say they aren't thinking that way.

"You have to worry about everybody," forward Draymond Green said. "Every team is here for a reason. They qualified somehow. ... We can't come out here and say, 'Oh, we're the United States and we're supposed to win,' or 'We have this person and that person and we're supposed to win.' We have

to be locked in every game. If you don't, you'll get beat."

The Americans arrived in Rio on Wednesday from Houston, where they completed their exhibition tour. They held their first practice at the arena Thursday as they get their sea legs under them.

Anthony stayed on a cruise ship in his first Olympics, when they finished third in 2004 in Athens. They're on a ship again, along with the U.S. women's team, in part because of a shortage of hotel space compared to recent hosts Beijing and London, and Anthony doesn't see why it's such a big deal.

"It's no different than us staying in the hotel," he said. "It's not like we're cruising around. We're

NFL

Injuries continue to mount for Seahawks

By CURTIS CRABTREE
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Two Seattle Seahawks players went down with injuries within minutes of each other during Thursday's practice.

Fullback/tight end Brandon Cottom was the first to go down without contact during one-on-one receiving drills.

As the team brought a cart onto

the field to attend to Cottom, tight end Ronnie Shields fell to the turf about 20 yards away. Shields had to be helped to the sideline by a trainer and teammate Jimmy Graham before the cart could return to carry him away.

Cottom's injury appeared to be to his left leg while Shields grabbed at his right ankle. Cottom was competing for Seattle's fullback job.

Head coach Pete Carroll said

after practice that he believed both injuries were Achilles issues, though he was still waiting for confirmation on both.

Cottom and Shields add to a growing list of injuries for Seattle. Wide receiver Doug Baldwin (leg), safety Kam Chancellor (groin), linebacker Brock Coyle (oblique), defensive end Montese Overton (calf) and running backs Zac Brooks (hamstring) and Tre Madden (shoulder) all sat out practice.

MARINERS: Miranda allows 8 hits in debut

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Shaw opened the second with his 13th homer, driving a 2-0 pitch over the right-field wall to put Boston up 1-0.

The Red Sox made it 2-0 in the fifth when Bryce Brentz and Mookie Betts opened the inning with consecutive doubles.

Seattle starter Ariel Miranda,

acquired from Baltimore on July 31 for left-hander Wade Miley, allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings in his major league debut after being called up earlier in the day from Triple-A Tacoma.

The Red Sox loaded the bases with one out in the first on singles by Xavier Bogaerts and David Ortiz and a walk to Dustin Pedroia, but Miranda escaped by striking

out Jackie Bradley Jr. and getting Aaron Hill on a fly out to right.

Seattle loaded the bases in the fourth on three walks by Drew Pomerantz, but Leonys Martin bounced to first to end the inning. Pomerantz, yet to win in four starts since being acquired from San Diego, allowed just two runs on four hits, but issued a career-high six walks.

OFFICIALS: Ultimate goal is to extend policy to all classifications

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Locally, the Columbia River Conference (5A), Columbia Basin Conference (2A) used three-person crews during league play last season, although the CBC used them only for big games.

OSAA Assistant Executive Director Cindy Simmons said the results from that first season were

encouraging.

"Cooperation between the 17 local associations and OSAA member schools and leagues made the first year a positive one and we are excited to move forward," Simmons said in a statement released by the OSAA. "A strong commitment to training at the local association level has been a key to the success along

with the financial commitment from schools and the OSAA Executive Board in adding an official."

At the conclusion of the 2016-17 season, information will be gathered from schools at all classification levels and a thorough review of the effects of using an additional official will be conducted.

According to Simmons, the goal is to implement the use of three-person crews in the post-season for all classifications as soon as feasible.

"The vast majority of state high school associations in the country are using three-person crews during the regular and post-season and we're looking forward to joining them," she said.

SCOREBOARD

Olympics

TODAY
NBC — Opening Ceremony, 7:30 p.m. - Midnight
TELEMUNDO — Olympic Preview Special, 5-6 p.m.
NBC UNIVERSO — Olympic Preview Special, 5-6 p.m.

SATURDAY
NBC — Rowing - Qualifying Heats (LIVE); Men's Cycling - Road Race (LIVE); Men's Water Polo - U.S. vs. Croatia (LIVE); Men's Cycling - Road Race (LIVE); Swimming - Qualifying Heats (LIVE); Rowing - Qualifying Heats; Men's Beach Volleyball - Gibby Patterson (U.S.) vs. Jefferson/Cherif (Qatar) (LIVE); Women's Volleyball - U.S. vs. Puerto Rico (LIVE), 8 a.m.; 6 p.m. Men's Gymnastics - Team Competition; Swimming (LIVE); Men's 400m Individual Medley - Gold Medal Final, Men's 400m Freestyle - Gold Medal Final, Women's 100m Butterfly - Semifinals, Men's 100m Breaststroke - Semifinals, Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay - Gold Medal Final; Women's Beach Volleyball - Walsh Jennings/Ross (U.S.) vs. Artacho Del Solar/Laird (Australia) (LIVE), 8 p.m. - Midnight Men's Gymnastics - Team Competition, 12:30-1:30 a.m.

NBCSN — Men's Archery - Team Round of 16 (LIVE); Women's Shooting - 10m Air Rifle Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Women's Rugby - U.S. vs. Fiji (LIVE); Men's Basketball - Australia vs. France (LIVE); Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round; Men's Water Polo - Spain vs. Italy; Women's Soccer - U.S. vs. France (LIVE); Men's Basketball - U.S. vs. China (LIVE); Judo - Gold Medal Finals; Women's Weightlifting - 48kg Gold Medal Final; Women's Soccer - Brazil vs. Sweden (LIVE); Table Tennis - Singles First and Second Rounds; Boxing - Elimination Matches, 9 a.m. - Midnight.
MSNBC — Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round; Women's Handball - Norway vs. Brazil; Table Tennis - Singles First Round; Men's Archery - Team Gold Medal Final (LIVE), Noon-5 p.m.
USA — Equestrian - Eventing, Dressage; Women's Field Hockey - U.S. vs. Argentina (LIVE); Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Women's Fencing - Individual Epee Gold Medal Final, 3-8 p.m.
CNBC — Women's Rugby - U.S. vs. Colombia (LIVE); Preliminary Round match TBA; Women's Soccer - Germany vs. Australia (LIVE), 5-9 p.m.
BRavo — Tennis (LIVE), 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

TELEMUNDO — Boxing - Elimination Matches; Volleyball; Swimming - Qualifying Heats; Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
NBC UNIVERSO — Women's Soccer - U.S. vs. France (LIVE); Basketball; Boxing - Elimination Matches, 4-8 p.m.

NBC BASKETBALL CHANNEL — Men's Basketball - Australia vs. France (LIVE), Australia vs. France Encore, China vs. U.S. (LIVE), Venezuela vs. Serbia (LIVE); Women's Basketball - Turkey vs. France (LIVE), China vs. Canada, Brazil vs. Australia, Belarus vs. Japan, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.
NBC SOCCER CHANNEL — Women's Soccer -

Canada vs. Zimbabwe (LIVE), U.S. vs. France (LIVE), Russia vs. China (LIVE), Germany vs. Australia, Brazil vs. Sweden (LIVE), Colombia vs. New Zealand, 2 p.m.-1 a.m.

Men's Soccer Thursday's Games
Iraq 0, Denmark 0
Honduras 3, Algeria 2
Brazil 0, South Africa 0
Mexico 2, Germany 2
Portugal 2, Argentina 0
Sweden 2, Colombia 2
South Korea 8, Fiji 0
Nigeria 5, Japan 4

Baseball

MLB				
American League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Baltimore	61	46	.570	—
Toronto	62	47	.569	—
Boston	59	48	.551	2
New York	54	54	.500	7½
Tampa Bay	44	63	.411	17
Central Division				
Cleveland	61	45	.575	—
Detroit	59	49	.546	3
Chicago	52	56	.481	10
Kansas City	51	57	.472	11
Minnesota	43	65	.398	19
West Division				
Texas	63	46	.578	—
Houston	56	52	.519	6½
Seattle	54	53	.505	8
Los Angeles	49	59	.454	13½
Oakland	48	60	.444	14½

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 3, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 3
N.Y. Mets 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Oakland 8, L.A. Angels 6, 10 innings
Texas 5, Baltimore 3
Toronto 4, Houston 1
Boston 3, Seattle 2, 11 innings

Today's Games
Cleveland (Tomlin 11-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 5-10), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 4-9) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-4), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 9-5) at Detroit (Verlander 11-6), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gallardo 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 2-5), 5:10 p.m.
Texas (Perez 7-7) at Houston (Keuchel 6-11), 5:10 p.m.
Toronto (Liriano 6-11) at Kansas City (Gee 3-5), 5:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 11-4) at Oakland (Overton 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wright 12-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kazmir 9-4), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Lincecum 2-5) at Seattle (Hernandez

5-4), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	64	44	.593	—
Miami	57	51	.528	7
New York	56	52	.519	8
Philadelphia	50	60	.455	15
Atlanta	39	69	.361	25
Central Division				
Chicago	66	41	.617	—
St. Louis	57	51	.528	9½
Pittsburgh	53	53	.500	12½
Milwaukee	48	58	.453	17½
Cincinnati	44	63	.411	22
West Division				
San Francisco	62	46	.574	—
Los Angeles	60	48	.556	2
Colorado	54	54	.500	8
San Diego	47	61	.435	15
Arizona	43	65	.398	19

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 0
San Francisco 3, Philadelphia 2, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 2
L.A. Dodgers 4, Colorado 2
Friday's Games
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 6-0) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 9-7) at Washington (Gonzalez 6-9), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 9-5) at Detroit (Verlander 11-6), 4:10 p.m.
Atlanta (De La Cruz 0-3) at St. Louis (Garcia 7-8), 5:15 p.m.
Miami (Phelps 5-5) at Colorado (De La Rosa 7-7), 5:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 6-10) at Arizona (Shipey 1-1), 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 11-4) at Oakland (Overton 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wright 12-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kazmir 9-4), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hellikson 8-7) at San Diego (Friedrich 4-6), 7:40 p.m.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Everett (Mariners)	5	2	.714	—
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	4	3	.571	1
Spokane (Rangers)	4	3	.571	1
Tri-City (Padres)	2	5	.286	3
South Division				
Hillsboro (Dodgers)	5	2	.714	—
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	3	4	.429	2
Boise (Rockies)	3	4	.429	2
Eugene (Cubs)	2	5	.286	3

Thursday's Games
Spokane 6, Salem-Keizer 4
Hillsboro 9, Everett 4
Vancouver 8, Eugene 4
Tri-City 4, Boise 3

Today's Games

Spokane at Salem-Keizer, 6 p.m.
Hillsboro at Everett, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Eugene, 7 p.m.
Boise at Tri-City, 7 p.m.

Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
NYC FC	10	7	6	36	40	40
New York	9	9	5	32	38	30
Toronto FC	8	7	6	30	28	23
Philadelphia	8	8	6	30	36	35
Montreal	7	5	9	30	36	31
New England	6	8	8	26	28	36
Orlando City	5	5	11	26	35	36
D.C. United	5	8	8	23	20	26
Columbus	3	8	10	19	26	35
Chicago	4	10	6	18	19	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
FC Dallas	13	6	5	44	37	31
Colorado	10	3	8	38	24	19
Los Angeles	9	3	9	36	35	20
Sporting K.C.	10	10	4	34	28	25
Real Salt Lake	9	6	7	34	32	32
Vancouver	8	9	6	30	33	37
Portland	7	8	8	29	33	34
San Jose	6	6	9	27	23	24
Seattle	6	12	3	21	21	28
Houston	4	9	8	20	24	27

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's Game

New York City FC at San Jose, 8 p.m.

Golf

Travelers Championship	
Thursday	
At TPC River Highlands	
Crummey, Conn.	
Prize: \$6.6 million	
Yardage: 6,841; Par: 70 (35-35)	
First Round	
Vaughn Taylor	64
Andrew Loupe	64
Jerry Kelly	64
Ben Martin	65
Mark Leishman	