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Prep Roundup

Irrigon drops non-league road game

Baker extends Mac-Hi's losing streak

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PRESCOTT, Wash. — The Irrigon Knights boys soccer team dropped its second game of the year on Saturday afternoon, coming up short against Prescott (WA) 4-1. “It just was not our day,” Irrigon coach Paul Keefer said. “We did

not play together defensively, didn’t communicate well enough which was a little frustrating.”

Junior midfielder and team captain Alejandro Alvarez scored Irrigon’s (4-2-1, 1-1-1) only goal of the game, booming one into the net unassisted in the 14th minute, which tied the game at 1-1. Prescott scored the go-ahead goal one minute before halftime for the 2-1 lead, and then added goals in the 55th and 75th minutes of the second half to finish

off the scoring.

Keefer added that while the Knights defense struggled, he was happy with what his offense brought to the field — even if the team only managed one goal.

“We pushed the ball up quite often, but just couldn’t push it into the back of the net often enough,” he said.

Irrigon now has a week to prepare for its next game at City Christian next Saturday at 1 p.m.

IHS (4-2-1)	1	0	-	1
PHS (2-1-1)	2	2	-	4

Volleyball

BAKER 3, MAC-HI 0 — At Milton-Freewater, the Pioneers extended their losing streak to five games after getting swept by Baker on Saturday, 25-13, 25-14, 25-18. “We played well and fought hard today,” Mac-Hi coach Amanda See PREPS/3B

OUR VIEW

Buckle in for final weeks

Raise your hand if you can believe it’s already Week 7 of the prep football season.

Yeah, I can’t either.

It is an overused cliché, but it really does feel like yesterday that teams were able to hit the practice fields for the first time, and doing so beaming with hope for what lied ahead.

Yet here we are, six weeks of the regular season already gone and now just

three weeks left until it ends and the postseason begins.

However, those three weeks are shaping up to bring plenty of nail-biting moments

and must-win situations for teams as they hope to lock up postseason berths.

None may be more exciting than in Class 5A’s Special District 1, where six teams are fighting for three playoff spots. If the playoffs started this week, Summit (4-0), Bend (3-1), Redmond (3-1) and Hermiston (3-1) would be in the postseason, though there could be a lot of shifting left in those final three spots.

For Hermiston, the Bulldogs’ to-do list to reach the postseason is simple — just win. The Bulldogs are currently two games ahead of the fifth place teams and need a minimum of two more wins in the last three weeks to safely clinch the playoff spot. That is no easy task, though, as the Bulldogs face Redmond and Bend on the road before finishing up at home against Pendleton.

Speaking of the Buckaroos, Pendleton’s loss to Mountain View last week put the Bucks on the brink of postseason elimination.

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Comment

MLB Playoffs

Indians retire Red Sox, Big Papi

Cleveland sweeps Boston in ALDS

Associated Press

BOSTON — The ball settled into the right fielder’s glove, the Cleveland Indians poured onto the diamond and the Fenway fans fell silent.

Then, slowly from the crowd rose a chant of “Pa-pi!”

Cleveland swept the Red Sox out of the postseason and sent David Ortiz into retirement on Monday night with a 4-3 victory that completed a three-game AL Division Series sweep. But even as the Indians frolicked on the field in their celebratory hats and T-shirts, Boston fans weren’t ready to let their beloved Big Papi go.

“I’m glad he didn’t get a hit to beat us,” manager Terry Francona said after leading the Indians to just the second postseason sweep in franchise history. “I thought it was an honor to be on the field, competing against him in his last game, because he’s truly one of the best. You could tell the way people were hanging around yelling his name and everything. He deserves every bit of that.”

Coco Crisp hit a two-run homer, closer Cody Allen got four outs and the Indians advanced the AL Championship Series for the first time since 2007. That year, they took a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series against Boston before losing three in a row.

Cleveland also blew a 2-0 lead against Boston in the best-of-five round in 1999.

But this year there would be no fold.

Perhaps inspired by the Cavaliers’ NBA title — the city’s first pro sports championship since 1964 —



AP Photo/Elise Amendola

Cleveland Indians manager Terry Francona, left, and Mike Napoli get doused during a clubhouse celebration after the Indians beat the Boston Red Sox 4-3 in Game 3 of baseball’s American League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, in Boston.

the Indians shut down Ortiz and the most prolific offense in the league. Rookie Tyler Naquin delivered a two-run single and Josh Tomlin pitched five strong innings for the Indians, who will open the ALCS at home against Toronto on Friday.

Cleveland went 4-3 this year against the wild-card Blue Jays, who swept AL West champion Texas to reach the ALCS for the second straight year.

“Nobody in this clubhouse doubts what we’re what capable of,” reliever Andrew Miller said as music blared and corks popped in

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Boston Red Sox’s David Ortiz waves from the field at Fenway Park after Game 3 of baseball’s ALDS against the Cleveland Indians Monday in Boston.

AP Photo/Charles Krupa

College Football

Oregon player solidarity begins to show cracks

Helfrich intends to address issues during bye week

By RYAN THORBURN
The Register-Guard

EUGENE — Oregon secondary coach John Neal described No. 5 Washington as a grizzly bear leading into Saturday’s rivalry game at Autzen Stadium.

Mark Helfrich and the Ducks played the role of

Leonardo DiCaprio’s Hugh Glass character from The Revenant.

The Huskies mauled Oregon 70-21, and Helfrich is now in survival mode entering the second half of a season that has unraveled with four consecutive losses.

The first step for the coach will be to stop the internal bleeding.

Senior right guard Cameron Hunt said not everyone on the team is working hard enough to win and some players haven’t

“bought-in” to what the coaching staff is selling.

“I think that’s kind of a byproduct of just the situation (Saturday) night, the frustration,” Helfrich said. “Obviously those guys are competitive guys that are very frustrated. Any behavior by somebody else that doesn’t match theirs, or isn’t totally with everything we’re trying to do, is going to be read through that lens.

“Certainly there are guys at this point in the season that aren’t doing necessarily

everything that we want them to do, and that’s the case if your record is flipped or you’re undefeated. In this situation it’s just that much more frustrating.”

Helfrich said the issues regarding a potentially fractured locker room will be addressed “in-house” during the bye week ahead of the Ducks’ Oct. 21 game at California.

Defensive coordinator Brady Hoke could use the extra time in his search for

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AP Photo/Thomas Boyd

Washington defensive back Kevin King (20), celebrates knocking a pass down intended for Oregon wide receiver Darren Carrington II (7), as Oregon Ducks tight end Johnny Mundt (83), approaches during an NCAA college football game Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, in Eugene.

Sports shorts

Broncos’ Kubiak to take a week off

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Joe DeCamillis stepped up to the podium Monday after GM John Elway named him interim head coach and was instantly met with a welcome-to-the-show question: “Who’s your quarterback?”

The Denver Broncos’ 51-year-old special teams coordinator dodged the inquiry, declining to say whether Trevor Siemian or Paxton Lynch would be under center when the Broncos (4-1) visit the Chargers (1-4) on Thursday night.

Elway tabbed DeCamillis after doctors ordered head coach Gary Kubiak to take a week off after experiencing a “complex migraine condition” Sunday night shortly after Denver suffered its first loss of the season. Kubiak, 55, was transported from the stadium to the hospital by an ambulance — the second time that’s happened in three years — after experiencing flu-like symptoms.



Kubiak

“He was trying to say, ‘It’s what men do.’ And that to me is the inherent problem. It IS what men do. Let’s not have all these men stand up and say, ‘Well, we don’t do that!’.”

— Cheryl Reeve

WNBA’s Minnesota Lynx head coach responding to Donald Trump’s characterization of his misogynistic and offensive comments as “locker room talk” and the rush of professional athletes to distance themselves from the candidate.

Crosby out with concussion

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sidney Crosby was playing the best hockey of his life. Now his extraordinary year is on hold and no one is sure when he will be back on the ice.

Pittsburgh said Monday that its superstar center has been diagnosed with at least his third concussion just a few days before the defending Stanley Cup champion Penguins open their season.

Crosby has been in dominant form, clearly they best player in hockey, but his short- and long-term future is in doubt after another concussion, an injury that has dogged him off and on over six years.

Coach Mike Sullivan told reporters that Crosby was concussed in practice Friday and that there was no timetable for his return.



Crosby

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1890 — The first 100-yard dash under 10 seconds is run by John Owens at 9.8 in an AAU track and field meet in Washington.

1991 — Chip Beck shoots the second sub-60 round in PGA Tour history with a 59 in the Las Vegas Invitational. Beck cards a 29-30, 13 under, to match Al Geiberger’s second round of the 1977 Memphis Classic.

2009 — Kurt Warner passes for 301 yards in Arizona’s 28-21 win over Houston. It’s the 50th 300-yard game for Warner in 113 games, making him the fastest to reach 50 in NFL history.

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