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Men's College Basketball



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer

Oregon's Chris Boucher (25) celebrates with teammates Dillon Brooks, left, and Oregon Dylan Ennis (31) after scoring during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Connecticut in the Maui Invitational on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, in Lahaina, Hawaii.

Ducks finish strong in Maui

No. 13 Oregon beats UConn to claim fifth place

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Oregon opened the Maui Invitational with a disappointing loss, won in overtime and closed with a click-on-all-cylinders win.

Winning the tournament was the goal, but getting better with each game wasn't a bad consolation.

Chris Boucher scored 21 points, Tyler Dorsey added 19 and No. 13 Oregon beat Connecticut 79-69 on Wednesday in the fifth-place game of the Maui Invitational.

"Obviously, we still have a lot of stuff we need to work on offensively and defensively, but I think we took a step," said Oregon forward Jordan Bell, who had 12 points. "I think every game we got a little better."

Oregon (4-2) lost its opener to Georgetown, but bounced back with an overtime victory over Tennessee on Dillon Brooks' long 3-pointer. The Ducks wanted to get off to a fast start in their Maui See **DUCKS/2B**



STANFIELD Tigers ready for Round 2



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Stanfield quarterback Dylan Grogan, with ball, lowers his shoulder to take on a Kennedy defender in their 2A state semifinal football game on Saturday, Nov. 19, in Hillsboro. Stanfield defeated Kennedy 32-13 to set up a second meeting with Regis this season.

Stanfield, Regis to meet again, this time for state title

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

When the Stanfield Tigers beat the Regis Rams 20-14 on Sept. 23, Tigers coach Davie Salas left the field convinced that those two teams were the top two teams in the 2A classification.

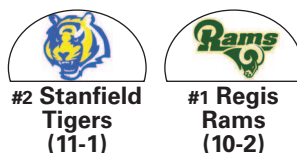
Salas' argument needs no justification now, as the two teams will meet for a rematch on Saturday afternoon, this time playing for the 2A state championship at Kennison Field in Hermiston.

"I really thought we were the best two teams in the state and we both proved it," he said. "It's going to be one heck of a state title game because that first game was a dogfight. Both teams had some miscues that took scores away but both teams battled and it was hard to get yards for both sides. I'm sure those kids are ready to

play us again." That first meeting at Horyna Athletic Complex was indeed a dogfight, as the game came down to a successful conversion and touchdown for Stanfield on 4th-and-goal followed by a successful goal-line stand by the Tiger defense to clinch the victory. Stanfield used a balanced offensive attack to pull out the win, throwing for 133 yards and rushing for 155, and the Tigers will be looking for that balance again this week.

"Stanfield's not known for throwing the ball too much, but when you have Dylan Grogan back there and some athletes to throw the ball to, it works

2A Football Finals



• Saturday, 4 p.m.
• at Kennison Field, Hermiston
• Radio: KOHU 1360 AM

out," Salas said. "But we're going to take what they give us. I'm not going to sit here and say we'll focus on one thing or another but I'm confident in both parts of our offense and hopefully it leads to enough points to get the victory at the end of the day."

SCOUTING REGIS

The Rams run a shotgun offense that calls for an even amount of passes and runs. Regis relied on the pass game a little more in the semifinal win over Heppner, as the Mustangs effectively shut down the Rams' run game. The Rams gained just 37 rushing yards as a team, with running back Brandon Piet

the team leader with 37 yards on 16 carries.

Like Heppner did, Stanfield's defense will be keying on the run game and make the Rams try to beat them with the pass, though Stanfield is better equipped at defensive back than the Mustangs were.

"The corners have to just lock down in the pass game because I think our linebackers and D-line can take care of the run game," said junior Adrian Renner. "We just have to stay disciplined and make sure every one just does their jobs."

Junior linebacker Makiah Blankenship added that playing Regis earlier this season has helped Stanfield's preparation since they know what to plan for, and knowing what they need to improve upon from that prior meeting to be even more successful.

See **TIGERS/3B**

NBA

Love sets NBA record as Cavs top Trail Blazers

Cleveland forward scores 34 points in first quarter, finishes with 40

By STEVE HERRICK
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Love didn't think anything unusual was going on Wednesday night. The scoreboard told a different story.

Love scored 40 points, including an NBA-record 34 in the first quarter, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 137-125.

Love fell three points shy

of the league record for points in any quarter, set by Golden State's Klay Thompson, who scored 37 in the third on Jan. 23, 2015.

As his point total grew on every possession and the Quicken Loans Arena crowd was on its feet each time shot the ball, Love just went about his business.

"I'm not trying to be nonchalant about it, but sometimes when you're in it you don't necessarily feel it," he said. "There was nothing out of the ordinary as far as our play-calling and our flow of the game. I just felt like



guys were finding me." LeBron James recorded his 44th career triple-double

with 31 points, 10 rebounds and 13 assists, but thought Love owned the night.

"Obviously we had a huge hot hand," James said. "That was lightning. We just kept giving him the ball and he kept knocking them down."

Cleveland also set a franchise record with 20 3-pointers and showed no signs of being rusty in its first game since Friday.

Love, who set a team record for points in a period, made 11 of 14 field goal

attempts, including 8 of 10 on 3-pointers in the first quarter. He made his first six shots with five 3-pointers.

Love didn't realize he was closing in on Thompson's milestone.

"I didn't know that was the record," he said. "I wasn't really aware of it."

Damian Lillard scored 40 points for Portland, including 25 in the second half.

"LeBron James coming downhill is a handful by himself, then you have K-Love on the opposite side — and somehow, he got lost — and he ended up getting a wide-open shot," Lillard said. "You can't have that."

See **BLAZERS/3B**



Cleveland Cavaliers' Kevin Love (0) shoots over Portland Trail Blazers' Mason Plumlee (24) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, in Cleveland.

AP Photo/Ron Schwane

Sports shorts

Seahawks cut OL J'Marcus Webb

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks have released veteran offensive lineman J'Marcus Webb after he was bypassed by younger players as options along Seattle's offensive line.

Seattle announced the move on Tuesday.

The Seahawks cut loose one of their biggest offseason acquisitions in free agency after it became clear he didn't have a future with Seattle.

Webb started the first three games of the season at right guard when rookie Germain Ifedi was injured. Webb has played sparingly since and was inactive for the first time last Sunday against Philadelphia. Rookie Rees Odhiambo was the backup option at guard and tackle for the Seahawks and played briefly at left tackle against the Eagles when George Fant left with an injured shoulder.



Webb

"He's doing a good job making the calls, making the adjustments and getting the ball out when he needs to or taking off if he needs to. So it's all on him controlling the ball and everything."

— Rishard Matthews

Tennessee Titans wide receiver on quarterback Marcus Mariota's role in the team's great ball security in recent games. The former Oregon star has received criticism for turnovers early in his professional career, but has thrown just three interceptions in his last seven games.

Cuban MLB players to testify in upcoming smuggling trial

MIAMI (AP) — Free agent outfielder Yoenis Cespedes, who last played for the New York Mets, and Chicago White Sox star Jose Abreu are among the Major League Baseball figures on a U.S. witness list for an upcoming Cuban ballplayer smuggling trial.

Documents filed Monday in Miami federal court also list former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and several MLB executives as possible witnesses in the trial of South Florida sport agents Bartolo Hernandez and associate Julio Estrada.

Trial is set Jan. 3 for Hernandez and Estrada on charges of conspiracy and bringing immigrants into the U.S. illegally. Both men have pleaded not guilty. The players are not accused of wrongdoing.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1980 — Dave Williams returns Eddie Murray's opening kickoff in overtime 95 yards to give the Chicago Bears a 23-17 victory over the Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving Day. The Bears tied the game with no time remaining in regulation.

1983 — Rookie Curt Warner of the Seattle Seahawks rushes for 207 yards and three touchdowns in a 51-48 overtime victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

2010 — Boise State has its 24-game winning streak snapped after losing 34-31 in overtime to Nevada.

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