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Eastern Oregon's Jordan Payne (12) celebrates his interception late in the fourth quarter a football game against Marian (Ind.) as teammate Anthony Lyngar (10) offers congratulations on Saturday, Nov. 26, in the NAIA FCS Quarterfinals in Indianapolis. Eastern Oregon won 17-0.

College Football

Mountaineers lock down Knights in quarterfinals

No. 9 Eastern Oregon knocks off No. 1 Marian

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INDIANAPOLIS — An incredible defensive performance that featured seven takeaways against the nation's No. 1 offense guided the No. 9 Eastern Oregon football team to the biggest win in program history on Saturday as the Mountaineers not knocked off

the defending national champions, but dominated No. 1 Marian University to the tune of 17-0 in the NAIA FCS quarterfinals.

The Mountaineers created consecutive redzone turnovers on the Knights' first two drives, and six different players intercepted Knights quarterback Ethan Darter while a fumble provided the seventh takeaway.

Senior defensive back John



Payne broke a scoreless tie in the second quarter with a 35-yard interception return and was named

Player of the Game. Redshirt freshman Isaiah Ritchie gave the game its final tally on an 84-yard punt return in the third quarter, and redshirt sophomore Nathan Harden gave EOU a 10-0 lead at half-time with a 23-yard field goal at the buzzer. The win was a

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STANFIELD

Rams topple Tigers for 2A title

No. 2 Stanfield makes too many mistakes, falls in rematch with No. 1 Regis

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — The Stanfield Tigers walked onto the turf of Kennison Field on Saturday night determined to bring home the town's first football state championship in nearly six decades.

Instead, the 59-year drought will continue for at least one more year.

The No. 2 Tigers were pushed around by the No. 1 Regis Rams in all four quarters and it was the Rams that ended a title drought, winning the 2A championship 53-14 over Stanfield. It is Regis' sixth state championship and the first since 1987.

"Regis just outplayed us and their effort was better than ours," Stanfield coach Davie Salas said following the game. "We were in a position to make some plays early on but I think they (Regis) just wanted this game



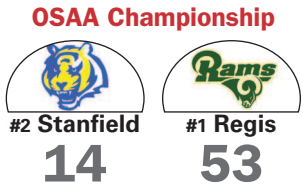
Regis' Eric Gustin attempts to break the tackle of Stanfield's Brody Woods in the Tigers' 53-14 loss to the Rams in the state 2A state championship game Saturday in Hermiston.

more than we did. "When you're dealing with kids sometimes the moment can get too big and I think tonight it might have

gotten too big for us." Stanfield (11-2) was done in by numerous mental mistakes in the game, turning the ball over five times —

two fumbles and three interceptions — as well as seven penalties for 68 yards. "In a state championship game you just can't afford

to have miscues," Salas said, "and tonight we just had too many against a great team." The field position battle played a big part of Regis'



fast start on Saturday, as the Rams average starting spot was in Stanfield territory while the Tigers average spot was its own 23.

"You can't give a good team a short field," Salas said. "When they only have to go 40-50 yards to score a touchdown it makes it easier and (Regis) took advantage."

Quarterback Dylan Grogan led Stanfield's offense with 107 passing yards on 7-of-19 passing with three interceptions, and also added 47 rushing yards on 15 carries with two touchdowns. Grogan scored Stanfield's first touchdown of the game with less than 10 seconds left in the first half, running a perfectly-called quarterback draw 36 yards up the middle and into the end zone. The score capped a 73 yard drive which Stanfield needed just four plays and 31 seconds to cover to cut the deficit to 27-7.

"It was a designed call,"

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Oregon's Payton Pritchard, left, shoots for two over Boise State's Paris Austin during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, in Eugene.



AP Photo/Chris Pletsch

Men's College Basketball

No.23 Oregon rallies past Boise State

Oregon State snaps skid with win over SOU

Associated Press

EUGENE — Dylan Ennis scored 18 points and No. 23 Oregon rallied for a 68-63 victory over Boise State on Monday night.

Tyler Dorsey added 17 points for the Ducks (5-2), who came back from 14 down in the first half to win their 28th consecutive home

game.

After Dorsey's free throw gave Oregon a 66-63 lead, the Broncos (3-3) had a chance for a tying shot, but Paris Austin lost possession on a baseline drive with 5 seconds left. Dillon Brooks sealed the win with two free throws.

Brooks, a preseason All-America selection, had five points and shot 1 of 9 in 21 minutes off the bench in his fourth game back from



offseason foot surgery.

Austin led Boise State with 16 points. Nick Duncan, who made five of the Broncos' 11 3-pointers, added 15.

OREGON STATE 84, SOUTHERN OREGON 59 — At Corvallis, Drew Eubanks scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Oregon State beat Southern Oregon 84-59 on Monday night. The sophomore shot 15

for 21 from the field. "Even in high school I wasn't ever shooting this much. But I just wanted to take good shots, and if they double-teamed me, I'd kick it out to the shooters," Eubanks said.

Ronnie Stacy had 14 points and nine rebounds and Kendal Manuel added 15 points for the Beavers (3-4), who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Ben DeSaulnier had 14 points with four 3-pointers and Tristen Holmes also scored 14 points for the NAIA-Division II Raiders (6-2).

Sports shorts

Harbaugh rant draws fine

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The Big Ten reprimanded Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh and fined the school \$10,000 on Monday for violating the conference's sportsmanship policy by criticizing officials after the Ohio State game.

Harbaugh blasted the officiating after the Wolverines' 30-27 double-overtime loss Saturday in Columbus, Ohio, saying he was "bitterly disappointed" during a lengthy rant.

He was most ardent about the spot of a fourth-down play that gave the Buckeyes a first down in overtime when a stop would have won the game for the Wolverines. Ohio State scored the winning touchdown on the next play.

Michigan's loss to the Buckeyes prevented the Wolverines from earning a spot in the Big Ten title game.



Harbaugh

"Nobody played very well. We had problems."

— Pete Carroll

Seattle Seahawks head coach on the team's 14-5 loss at Tampa Bay on Sunday. Quarterback Russell Wilson was sacked six times, hit 11 times in total and threw two interceptions. Thomas Rawls managed just 38 yards on 12 carries and Seattle turned the ball over three times.

Winter sports seasons tip off this week

The winter sports seasons begin for high schools this week with numerous basketball games to be played in the area and every wrestling team hitting the mats before the week is up.

The first chance for local basketball fans to take in a game will be Wednesday evening as Hermiston, Pendleton, Weston-McEwen, Irrigon and Helix will host games.

The action ramps up on Friday with several tournaments on the schedule. Hermiston will host a girls hoops tourney on Friday and Saturday, and Pendleton will be holding its annual Red Lion Invite the same days. Meanwhile, Mac-Hi, Ione and Condon/Wheeler are also hosting tournaments that will feature local clubs going head-to-head.

If wrestling is more your speed, the Irrigon Duals or the Bob Mars Invite on Saturday in Kennewick, Washington, are the nearest opportunities to cheer on local grapplers.

For a complete schedule of this week's upcoming games look in the scoreboard on Page 2B.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1890 — Navy beats Army 24-0 in the first matchup of this football series.

1987 — The New Orleans Saints hold off the Pittsburgh Steelers 20-16 to assure their first winning season in their 20-year history.

1995 — Grant Fuhr becomes the 11th NHL goalie to win 300 games as the St. Louis Blues beat Winnipeg 4-1.

1998 — Miami's Dan Marino becomes the first player to throw 400 career TD passes, passing for 255 yards and three TDs in the Dolphins' 30-10 win against New Orleans.

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