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Prep Roundup

Vikings shake off the rust to beat Cardinals

Cranston scores 26 points to pace Umatilla

East Oregonian

UMATILLA — Seth Cranston scored a game-high 26 points and added 10 steals and eight rebounds as the Umatilla Vikings were able to shake off some rust and take down the Ione Cardinals 74-51 on Monday night. “(Seth) just brought us energy,” Umatilla coach

Derek Lete said. “You could tell us not being in the gym for four days had an effect. We came out flat, lacked intensity on defense and the effort just wasn’t there.”

“But Seth came with energy and brought just what we needed.”

For Ione (1-4), Austin Carter led with 22 points while Wyatt McNary had 13.

Next up, Umatilla (4-2) travels to Pilot Rock on Wednesday for a 4:30 p.m. start, while Ione hosts Helix on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

IHS 10 14 10 17 — 51
UHS 13 22 19 20 — 74
IONE — A. Carter 22, W. McNary 13, H. Padberg 6, H. Aguilar 5, J. Verduzco 2, T. Epperson 2, D. McElligott 1.
UMATILLA — S. Cranston 26, K. Webb 11, M. Garcilazo 8, J. Garcia 7, T. Morris 5, J. Maret 5, S. Garcia 4, S. Hartung 4, G. Armenta 4.
3-pointers — IHS 2, UHS 6. Free throws

— IHS 11-22, UHS 12-17. Fouls — IHS 16, UHS 20. Fouled out — T. Morris (UHS).

IRRIGON 51, LIBERTY CHRISTIAN (WA) 46 — At Richland, Washington, the Irrigon Knights snapped a two game losing streak with a solid win on the road over Liberty Christian on Monday night.

“We built us a cushion there in the first half, picked some good shots,” Irrigon coach Davie Salas said. “Second half we just tried

to keep that cushion, had to adjust to using the shot clock but we took care of the ball and got a good win.”

Johnny Philips led Irrigon (3-3) with 15 points, while Hayden White had 12 and Eric Carillo had 11.

Irrigon next hosts Mac-Hi today at 4:30 p.m.

IHS 18 13 14 6 — 51
LC 9 16 7 14 — 46
IRRIGON — J. Philips 15, H. White 12, E. Carillo 11, O. Vera 2, D. Vera 2, A. Gomez 2.
3-pointers — IHS 2, LC 3. Free throws — IHS 9-15, LC 4-9. Fouls — IHS 10, LC 15.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN (WA) 54, IRRIGON 51 — At Richland, Washington, the Irrigon Knights lost a heartbreaker as Liberty Christian’s Karlee Souve nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer to hand the Knights a 54-51 loss on Monday night.

It was the ninth 3-pointer of the game for Liberty Christian, and boosted

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PILOT ROCK

Rockets soar past Knights

Deist scores 15 points to lead Pilot Rock to victory

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Inclement weather and poor road conditions may have wiped out the first day of the Pilot Rock basketball Invitational on Friday night, but things cleared up enough to finally get some games started up.

And it was clear that the Pilot Rock girls team was happy to be back on the court after two days off, as the Rockets ran all over the Condon/Wheeler Knights to earn a 59-17 victory on Saturday night at Pilot Rock High School.

Pilot Rock Invite



Condon/Wheeler
17



Pilot Rock
59

“We were pretty disappointed we had to cancel last night, so it felt good to get this one in,” Pilot Rock coach Butch Wilson said after the game.

The game was a perfect opportunity for the Rockets (6-1) to shake off some rust, as the skill disparity between the Rockets and the young Knights (1-6) squad was obvious on the court.

“It was a hard one to judge because the skill level was so different, but we just wanted to work on our game,” Wilson said. “The nice things was we were able to run our plays and they (Condon/Wheeler) gave us a much different look than running against our JV in practice, but I was pretty happy with the execution.”

Pilot Rock excelled at driving to the basket and working in open looks at the basket while running through their set plays, however the Rockets did struggle for the most part when it came to actually making the shots. Pilot Rock shot 36 percent (24-66) for the game, but were helped out by a singular strong third quarter

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The Rockets’ Kayla Deist goes up for a shot as Ashley Terland (3), of Condon/Wheeler, defends during the Pilot Rock Basketball Tournament on Saturday.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

College Women’s Basketball

Beavers rally late to beat UNLV

Wiese scores 25 to pace Oregon State

Associated Press

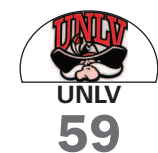
LAS VEGAS (AP)— Sydney Wiese scored 25 points and No. 25 Oregon State scored the last seven points of the game to defeat UNLV 62-59 in the Play4Kay Shootout on Monday night.

The Rebels missed all five of their field goals in the last four minutes and didn’t score after a pair of free throws from Brooke Johnson at 3:27 made it 59-55.

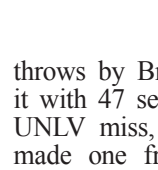
Two free throws by Breanna Brown tied it with 47 seconds left. After a UNLV miss, Gabriella Hanson made one free throw at 22.8 seconds and Mikayla Pivec made a steal and two free throws at 14 seconds. A 3-point attempt by Johnson with 2 seconds left was off the mark.

Oregon State (8-1) had 22 turnovers. Wiese had four 3-pointers and is two behind Candice Wiggins’ Pac-12 record of 295.

Dakota Gonzalez had 16 points for UNLV (8-2).



UNLV
59



Oregon State
62



Carolina Panthers fullback Mike Tolbert (35) rolls over Washington Redskins outside linebacker Martrell Spaight (50) for a touchdown during the second half of a game in Landover, Md., Monday, Dec. 19, 2016.

Sports shorts

Stanford’s McCaffrey to skip bowl game, focus on NFL Draft

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Christian McCaffrey is done playing college football.

The star running back announced on Twitter on Monday he will not play in the Sun Bowl for No. 16 Stanford on Dec. 30 when the Cardinal (9-3) face North Carolina (8-4) in El Paso, Texas.

McCaffrey is the second prominent player to make such a decision. LSU running back Leonard Fournette has said he will not play in the Citrus Bowl to focus on the draft.

McCaffrey said last month he would be skipping his senior season. He was the Heisman Trophy runner-up in 2015 as a sophomore when he set the NCAA record for all-purpose yards in a season. This season, McCaffrey had 1,603 yards on the ground and 13 touchdowns.



McCaffrey

NFL

Panthers keep playoff hopes alive for one more week

Cam Newton throws for 300 yards and 2 TDs

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Kirk Cousins threw an interception and fumbled near his goal line as Washington coughed up its easiest path to the playoffs with a 26-15 loss to the defending NFC champion Carolina Panthers on Monday night.

Washington (7-6-1) could have clinched a

playoff berth by winning its final three games but now needs help. Carolina (6-8) kept its astronomical wildcard hopes alive and dealt a serious blow to the teams’ chances with two weeks left in the season.

After being picked off by Kurt Coleman in the first half to set up a Carolina field goal, Cousins was sacked by Wes Horton and fumbled on the first snap after halftime



Carolina
26



Washington
15

as the Panthers took over at the 1-yard line. They scored two plays later to take a 20-9 lead.

Cousins finished 32 of 47 for 316 yards with far too many missed throws in a game with such high stakes. Reigning league MVP

Cam Newton showed no ill effects from a shoulder injury suffered last week, throwing for 300 yards and two touchdowns as the Panthers took advantage of blunders by Washington, who lost their sixth consecutive Monday night home game.

It was Washington’s most lopsided loss since being routed 38-16 by Pittsburgh in the season opener. Washington is 1-18 on Monday night Football since 1998.

“At the end of the day we all want the same thing, we all want to win games. We’ve spoken, we definitely made amends, we had a discussion and it’s pretty much over ... It’s over with, it’s settled and we’re ready to move forward.”

— Russell Okung

Denver Broncos OT addressing reports that Okung and teammate Aqib Talib got into a postgame shouting match after Denver’s 16-3 loss to New England.

Osweiler benched in Houston, Savage to take over as starter

HOUSTON (AP) — Tom Savage will start at quarterback for the Houston Texans on Saturday against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Coach Bill O’Brien announced the decision on Monday, a day after Savage took over in the second quarter when Brock Osweiler was benched against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Savage threw for 260 yards to help Houston rally from a 13-point deficit for a 21-20 win in his first regular-season action since 2014.

Osweiler has struggled in his first season in Houston after signing a \$72 million contract to join the Texans. He threw two interceptions before he was benched on Sunday to give him 16 interceptions and just 14 TDs this season.



Osweiler

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1966 — The NBA grants a franchise to Seattle, expanding the league to 11 teams for the 1967-68 season.

1998 — Green Bay’s Brett Favre becomes the first NFL player to throw for more than 30 touchdowns in five different seasons. Favre connects three times with Antonio Freeman in a 30-22 win over Tennessee to break a tie with Dan Marino.

2007 — Marian Gaborik scores five goals, the most in the NHL since Sergei Federov scored five for Detroit on Dec. 26, 1996, to lead Minnesota to a 6-3 victory over the Rangers.

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