

Men's College Basketball

# Arizona breezes past Oregon State

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CORVALLIS— Allonzo Trier said he's excited to be playing basketball again with his Arizona teammates after missing the first 19 games of the season. He's still a long way from feeling like himself on the court, both on offense and defense.

"It's still a step slow. I'm still out of rhythm. I'm still not shooting the ball great," the sophomore guard said. "I'll be better. I know that."



Oregon State guard Stephen Thompson Jr. (1) is fouled by an Arizona player during Thursday's game in Corvallis.

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The Corvallis Gazette-Times  
via AP

second half turnaround. Arizona coach Sean Miller said that defensive stops made it easier to push the tempo in the second half. "Our defense led to some good transition baskets," he added.

Arizona led by eight points early, but Oregon State battled back and went ahead 23-21 after a 3-pointer by Thompson with 4:53 left in the first half.

The Beavers led 29-27 at halftime.

Oregon State shot 50 percent in the first half, but was limited to 34.6 percent in the second half. Arizona shot 53.8 percent in the second half and outrebounded the Beavers 39-26 for the game.

Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said that his young squad lost its composure.

"Once a little frustration creeps in, we're just not there yet maturity-wise, toughness-wise, to get it back," he said.

**UP NEXT**  
Oregon State hosts Arizona State on Saturday.

**GONZAGA 85, BYU 75**  
PROVO, Utah (AP) — Nigel Williams-Goss scored 33 points and No. 1 Gonzaga remains the lone undefeated team in the country after an 85-75 victory over BYU on Thursday night.

The Bulldogs (23-0, 11-0 West Coast Conference) now have the longest winning streak in school history. They entered the night with the No. 12 scoring offense in the nation and looked like it.

Gonzaga took a 42-26 lead after dominating the first half. The Bulldogs used a 20-4 stretch early to put BYU in a deep hole.

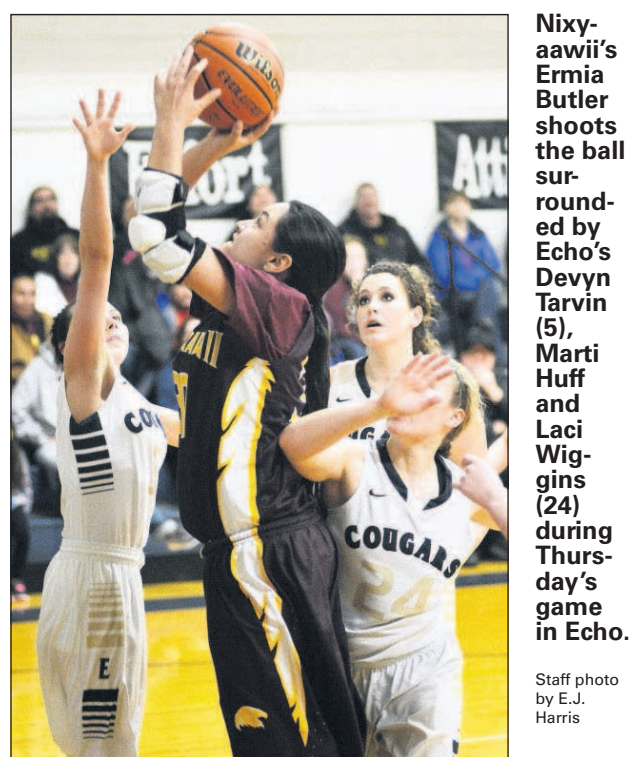
T.J. Haws did the heavy lifting during the BYU rally, as the Cougars got within six at one point, and finished with 26 points.

The Cougars (16-8, 7-4) had no answer early for the 7-foot-1, 300-pound Przemek Karnowski.

Gonzaga ran the offense through the big man while building a 17-point lead and BYU was left to pick its poison. Karnowski would drop in a hook when left 1-on-1 against a defender, before the Cougars started sending help. Then Karnowski would kick it out and the Zags repeatedly found open shooters for 3-pointers.

Gonzaga shot 51.9 percent from the field and knocked down 6 of 10 3-pointers in the first half while BYU hit 32.3 percent of its shots, including a 1-for-7 effort from behind the arc.

**BIG PICTURE**  
**Gonzaga:** All eyes were on the Bulldogs to see how they would respond to being ranked No. 1 for the second time in program history. Gonzaga stormed out the gate and looked every bit the part of the top team in the nation, especially on the road in a hostile environment against a conference rival.



Nixyaawii's Ermia Butler shoots the ball surrounded by Echo's Devyn Tarvin (5), Marti Huff and Laci Wiggins (24) during Thursday's game in Echo.

Staff photo  
by E.J. Harris

## GOLDEN EAGLES:

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**NIXYAAWII 51, ECHO 26** — At Echo, Kaitlynn Melton and Milan Schimmel finished with double-doubles and the Golden Eagles used a lock-down defensive effort in the second half to leave no doubt about Thursday's outcome when they met the Cougars for an Old Oregon League game.

Mary Stewart scored a team-high 15 points and added seven assist for Nixyaawii (17-0, 10-0 OOL), and Melton and Schimmel both had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Schimmel added six assists.

Devyn Tarin scored 14 points to lead Echo (14-6, 7-4) but the Cougars were limited to just two points total in the third quarter and 11 in the second half. Nixyaawii coach Jeremy

Maddern said the Golden Eagles didn't give up their second field goal of the second half until midway through the fourth quarter.

"I was just really impressed with our defense," he said. "We only had three fouls in the second half, so we were really D-ing it up without fouling. When we get our defense rolling it just leads to easy buckets off the press."

Both teams are back in action on Saturday at 4 p.m. with Nixyaawii hosting Helix and Echo playing at Powder Valley.

NCS	15	15	13	8	—	51
EHS	5	10	2	9	—	26

NIXYAAWII — M. Stewart 15, K. Melton 11, M. Schimmel 11, S. Fitzpatrick 6, E. Butler 4, T. Melton 2, K. Mountaintainchief 2, E. Looney, T. Broncheau, S. Patrick, A. Tonasket.  
ECHO — D. Tarvin 14, H. McCarty 4, M. Huff 4, L. Cox 4, T. Swaggart, R. McCarty, L. Wiggins, B. Milbrodt.  
3-pointers — NCS 3; EHS 4. Free throws — NCS 10-20; EHS 0-7. Fouls — NCS 18; EHS 12.

## ENA: Western Oregon coaches love his versatility

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Ena tallied 40 tackles and snagged five interceptions to help boost him to a Class 5A all-state honorable mention nod.

Western Oregon assistant coach and 2011 Hermiston graduate Tim Rude said that with the statistics that Ena produced on top of what the 6-foot-2, 180 pound safety showed in his game tape made him a perfect fit for the Wolves defense.

"He's very smooth and long with good ball skills already," Rude said Thursday. "He's not even close to done growing, so he has some huge physical upside. He moves well enough that he is capable of playing all over the defensive secondary."

"That's what's really exciting about him is versatility."

Before Ena smiled for numerous photos and laughed along with some friends while chowing down on cupcakes at the party on Thursday, he did admit that not too long ago he doubted himself on getting a chance to play college football. "Last year (2016) during



Staff photo by Eric Singer

Hermiston's Vaemu Ena, back row third from left, poses with some of his teammates during a signing party at Hermiston High School on Thursday. Ena signed to play football at Western Oregon University.

track season, (Coach David) Faateete told me that some coaches wanted to talk to me," Ena said, "but I never thought that I would ever be able to (play) and did not think I was big enough to play, so I never called them back. But then after this season just playing and realizing when we went to tournaments and stuff I was just as big as other kids, I just had to put on a little more muscle I could play and that's when it broke through my head and when I wanted to play."

When he looks back on his Hermiston career, Ena says that he's mostly happy with how things turned out — from winning a state title as a sophomore to his prolific junior season — but he was disappointed with how his senior season turned out. Ena still finished fourth on the team with 66 tackles this past year, put was banged up with injuries down the stretch.

"I feel like I didn't do as well as I could have," he said. "I felt after my junior year I had higher stakes to

be playing with and I didn't compete even close to it."

Ena conceded that the injuries also weighed on his mind as he considered his options and whether or not to continue his football career, having dealt with nagging injuries nearly every season.

"I already have pretty bad knees and I was thinking about further in life," Ena said. "But I think having arthritis in my knees is worth the fun and building relationships with teammates and winning together."

With nearly six months left of high school, Ena said he is extremely anxious to get started with the Wolves.

"I feel like I've always had a kind of drive, just never to this extreme to where I constantly think about it and just want to go work for it," he said. "For high school, (my play) was kind of given to me because there was no one really set for those positions when I came in but now that I know I have to work for it, it makes me want to go harder for it."

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### Athlete of the Week

## Twenty questions with Pendleton's Wyatt Morris

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Pendleton boys basketball team had a busy week last week, playing three games over a four-day span. Senior guard Wyatt Morris was a big reason for the Buckaroos winning in all three of those games, as the senior guard averaged 13.7 points per game over that span.

For his efforts, Morris has been selected as the East Oregonian's Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 23-28.

- East Oregonian: First sport you played?**  
Wyatt Morris: Baseball when I was seven years old.
- Who is your favorite athlete?**  
Derek Jeter
- If you could attend any sporting event what would it be?**  
World Series
- If you could try any sport that you have not already played, what would it be?**  
Rugby
- Favorite sports memory?**  
Winning the league title in basketball last year
- What are your hobbies outside of sports?**  
Hunting and fishing

- What's your favorite wintertime activity?**  
Snowmobiling
- Where's your favorite place in Oregon?**  
Eastern Oregon
- What's your favorite movie?**  
Tombstone (1993)
- What's your go-to place for lunch?**  
Big John's Pizza
- What's your favorite restaurant?**  
Mazatlan
- Favorite pizza topping?**  
Taco pizza
- What's your favorite class in school?**  
Physical Education
- Are you a member of any other clubs/groups in high school?**  
No, just sports
- What are your plans after high school?**  
Go to Walla Walla Community College to play baseball
- Favorite US President?**  
Donald Trump
- First job you had?**  
Hunting guide when I was 13
- First vehicle you drove?**  
Ford F-150
- Who will win the Super Bowl, Patriots or Falcons?**  
I don't know, can't choose
- What is one thing you could not live without?**  
My girlfriend

## SCOREBOARD

### Local Slate

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Today	Culver at Stanfield, 6 p.m. Umatilla at Nyssa, 6:30 p.m. The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Pendleton at Hood River, 7 p.m. Riverside at Irigon, 7:30 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 7:30 p.m. Horizon Christian at Arlington, 7:30 p.m. Ione at Dufur, 7:30 p.m. Condon/Wheeler at Mitchell/Spray (Spray), 7:30 p.m. Powder Valley at Helix, 7:30 p.m. Mac-Hi at Baker, 8:15 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Today	Culver at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m. Umatilla at Nyssa, 5 p.m. Riverside at Irigon, 6 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 6 p.m. Horizon Christian at Arlington, 6 p.m. Ione at Dufur, 6 p.m. Condon/Wheeler at Mitchell/Spray (Spray), 6 p.m. Powder Valley at Helix, 6 p.m. Mac-Hi at Baker, 6:30 p.m. Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m. Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING	
Today	Irrigon, Riverside at Echo/Stamfield, 5 p.m. Mac-Hi at La Grande, 6 p.m.
Saturday	Hermiston, Pendleton at Oregon City Tournament, 10 a.m. Mac-Hi, Irigon, Riverside, Echo/Stamfield, Heppner at BEO Invite (Heppner), 10 a.m.
PREP SWIMMING	
Saturday	Pendleton, Hermiston at Baker, Noon
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL	
Today	Eastern Oregon at Multnomah, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m. Eastern Oregon at Warner Pacific, 7:30 p.m.
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Today	Eastern Oregon at Multnomah, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m. Eastern Oregon at Warner Pacific, 5:30 p.m.

### COLLEGE WRESTLING

Saturday  
Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, TBA

### Football

NFL  
Super Bowl  
At Houston  
Atlanta vs. New England, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)

### Basketball

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Boston	31	18	633	—
Toronto	30	20	600	1½
New York	22	29	431	10
Philadelphia	18	31	367	13
Brooklyn	9	40	184	22
Southeast Division				
Washington	29	20	592	—
Atlanta	29	21	580	½
Charlotte	23	27	460	6½
Miami	20	30	400	9½
Orlando	19	32	373	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Cleveland	33	15	688	—
Indiana	26	22	542	7
Chicago	25	25	500	9
Detroit	22	27	449	11½
Milwaukee	21	27	438	12
Northwest Division				
Utah	31	19	620	—
Oklahoma City	28	22	560	3
Portland	22	28	440	9
Denver	21	27	438	9
Minnesota	19	30	388	11½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	43	7	860	—
L.A. Clippers	31	19	620	12
Sacramento	19	30	388	23½
L.A. Lakers	17	35	327	27

Phoenix 15 34 .306 27½

### Thursday's Games

Washington 116, L.A. Lakers 108  
Atlanta 113, Houston 108  
San Antonio 102, Philadelphia 86  
Golden State 133, L.A. Clippers 120

### Friday's Games

Toronto at Orlando, 4 p.m.  
Indiana at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Houston, 5 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 5 p.m.  
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Denver, 6 p.m.  
Dallas at Portland, 7:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Sacramento, 7:30 p.m.

### College Men

**NCAA AP Top 25**  
**Thursday's Games**  
No. 1 Gonzaga 85, BYU 75  
No. 5 Arizona 71, Oregon State 54  
No. 13 Oregon 71, Arizona State 70  
No. 18 Saint Mary's 74, Pacific 70  
No. 24 Florida 93, Missouri 54

### Friday's Games

No games scheduled

### College Women

**NCAA AP Top 25**  
**Thursday's Games**  
No. 3 Maryland 85, Purdue 70  
No. 4 South Carolina 75, No. 25 Kentucky 63  
No. 5 Mississippi State 77, Auburn 47  
No. 6 Florida State 85, Boston College 53  
No. 7 Notre Dame 76, Virginia Tech 59  
No. 15 Duke 65, Clemson 37  
No. 16 Miami 79, Wake Forest 56  
No. 19 NC State 72, No. 9 Louisville 70, OT  
Oakland 74, No. 21 Green Bay 71  
No. 24 Syracuse 93, Pittsburgh 65

### Today's Games

No. 8 Stanford vs. Southern Cal, 6 p.m.  
No. 10 Washington at Utah, 7 p.m.  
No. 11 Oregon State at No. 23 Arizona State, 7 p.m.  
No. 13 UCLA at California, 8 p.m.  
No. 17 DePaul vs. St. John's, 5 p.m.  
No. 23 Arizona State vs. Oregon State, 7 p.m.

### Hockey

**NHL**  
**Thursday's Games**  
Philadelphia 3, Montreal 1  
Ottawa 5, Tampa Bay 2

### PGA Tour

**Phoenix Open**  
**Thursday**  
At TPC Scottsdale  
Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Purse: \$6.7 million  
Yardage: 7,266; Par 71 (35-36)

### First Round

Matt Kuchar	33-31	-64
Hideki Matsuyama	33-32	-65
Brendan Steele	35-30	-65
John Peterson	34-32	-66
Robert Garrigus	32-34	-66
Scott Brown	32-34	-66
Byeong Hun An	33-33	-66
Chris Kirk	33-33	-66
Rickie Fowler	33-34	-67
J.B. Holmes	34-33	-67
Steve Stricker	34-33	-67
Brooks Koepka	35-32	-67
Alex Cejka	33-34	-67
Webb Simpson	33-34	-67
Graham DeLaet	33-34	-67
Marc Leishman	35-33	-68
Louis Oosthuizen	34-34	-68
Vaughn Taylor	32-36	-68
Chad Collins	34-34	-68
Lucas Glover	33-35	-68
Ryo Ishikawa	34-34	-68
Phil Mickelton	32-36	-68



## Wyatt Morris

Senior - Pendleton basketball

Morris averaged 13.7 points in three wins for the Buckaroos, including a 4-for-6 shooting night from three-point range for 14 points in a 63-59 win over La Grande.

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