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Bulldogs bewildered by OSAA

Latest reclassification proposals remain unkind to Hermiston

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Hoping to better help his school, Hermiston Athletic Director Larry Usher made the trip to the OSAA offices in Wilsonville on Jan. 30 for the reclassification committee meeting.

However, Usher said he departed the meeting feeling as if his testimony "fell on deaf ears."

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"To be honest, after communicating with other (athletic directors) around the state, we all got a good laugh out of it."

— Larry Usher,

Hermiston Athletic Director on the OSAA's latest classification proposal that would have the Bulldogs playing in a league that would include teams from Bend as well as east Portland.

Track & Field

Cisneros, Robinson leading Vikings

Former Bulldog, Buckaroo coming off another big performance

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Alex Cisneros and Donte Robinson remained in top form for the Portland State indoor track and field teams at meets over the weekend.

Coming off his record-breaking cross country season, redshirt sophomore Cisneros has kept his momentum rolling during his first indoor track and field season.

Cisneros, a 2014 Hermiston High graduate, broke his second school record at a meet in Seattle on Jan. 27-28, and this past weekend ran the Vikings' top time of the season in two events at meets in Moscow, Idaho and Pullman, Washington.

On Friday, Feb. 3, Cisneros placed second in the 3,000 meters at the Idaho Duals in a time of 8:41.75, and on Saturday, Feb. 4, he was third in the mile in 4:20.63 at the Cougar Indoor Invitational.

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Cisneros



Robinson

McCollum sinks buzzer-beater

Portland Trail Blazers' C.J. McCollum (3) and Damian Lillard (0) celebrate a basket by McCollum against the Dallas Mavericks during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017. McCollum had 32 points and Lillard had 29 in the team's 114-113 win.

AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez



Trail Blazers guard scores final seven points to top Mavericks

By DAVE JACKSON
Associated Press

DALLAS — On a night when Dirk Nowitzki turned back the clock for the Dallas Mavericks, C.J. McCollum had the final answer.

McCollum scored 32 points, the last two on a runner from the top of the lane with 0.9

seconds left to give the Portland Trail Blazers a 114-113 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night.

Nowitzki finished with 25 points that included two clutch 3-pointers, the second a potential game-winner with 3.9



Conference - battled through a tense fourth quarter that saw the teams trade 13-0 runs at one point, then exchange leads six

seconds left.

Portland and Dallas — fighting for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western

times in the final minute.

McCollum scored Portland's last seven points. On the final sequence, he took Mason Plumlee's inbounds pass and split a double-team of Harrison Barnes and Wesley Matthews to break into the clear.

"Once I caught it, I knew I was going to attack right away," See BLAZERS/2B

Prep Roundup

Umatilla boys rebound for runaway league win at Vale

Cranston leads all scorers with 17 points

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VALE — Following a disappointing loss to Nyssa on Monday, the Umatilla boys basketball team was ready to redeem themselves on Tuesday night against Vale.

"The kids had a sour taste

from last night and they came out and played like they wanted it tonight," Umatilla coach Derek Lete said.

Umatilla started fast against Vale, taking a 32-10 lead into the halftime break and never let off the gas as the finished off a 57-31 victory on Tuesday night. Seth Cranston led all scorers with 17 points for Umatilla (14-7, 6-2 EOL), which Lete was pleased to see.

"(Seth's) really struggled scoring this year and I talked to him before the game about his confidence," he said. "He's consistently one of the best athletes on the floor every night, but it always comes down to shooting ... when he makes one small mistake he beats himself up. But tonight he brought a lot of energy and it was nice to see him have a game like this." Also reaching double figures

for Umatilla was Kaden Webb with 12 points and Sebastian Garcia with 10 points.

Umatilla will next host Riverside on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

UHS	13	19	17	8	—	57
VHS	4	6	15	6	—	31
UMATILLA	— S. Cranston 17, K. Webb 12, S. Garcia 10, T. Morris 5, T. Durfey 5, M. Garcilazo 4, J. Maret 2, S. Miller 1.					
VALE	— J. DeLong 6, R. Gomez 5, N. Carlson 5, K. Brown 4, C. Kasey 4, F. Medrano 3, S. Clark 2.					
3-pointers	— UHS 11, VHS 2. Free throws — UHS 5-12, VHS 3-11. Fouls — UHS 15, VHS 12.					
Fouled out	— T. Durfey (UHS).					

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Jude Schimmel scored 15 points in her first professional start to lead Cadi La Seu over Al-Qazeres 68-56 on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Schimmel had played 37 minutes total as a reserve in her first four games in Spain's first tier Liga Femenina de Baloncesto (LFB), and just seven in the last two games. She logged 26 minutes against Al-Qazeres and was 4 for 6 from three-point range while adding a two-pointer and a free throw to reach her team-high total. She also had four rebounds, three steals and an assist.

Since joining the team in January, Schimmel is second in three-point shooting percentage at 38.5. She is a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Cadi La Seu (8-10) has eight games left in its season and plays next on Saturday, Feb. 18, against Araski (9-9).



Schimmel

Sports shorts

Falcons hire Sarkisian to run offense

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — After only one game as Alabama's offensive coordinator, Steve Sarkisian is heading to the NFL.

Less than 24 hours after Kyle Shanahan left to become head coach of the San Francisco 49ers, the Falcons announced Tuesday that Sarkisian would be his replacement.

The stunning move came with Sarkisian less than a month into what was to be his first full season running Alabama's offense, a job he took over for the national championship game for Lane Kiffin.

Even though Sarkisian has only one year of pro experience, Quinn expects a smooth transition for the new coordinator, who is familiar with many of the wide zone blocking schemes that worked so well for Atlanta on its way to the Super Bowl.



Sarkisian

"Because it's there. It's awesome to come out here and do this. It brings me back to why I play the game. It's kind of crazy. It's kind of fun. It's the stuff you did when you were a kid."

— Jerry Kelly

PGA professional when asked why he would play a practice round in 40 mph gusts and sideways rain on Tuesday at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Alabama wins after four overtimes

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Riley Norris scored six of his 11 points in the fourth and final overtime, including the go-ahead free throws with 56 seconds left, and Alabama finally put away No. 19 South Carolina 90-86 on Tuesday night, overcoming a career night by Gamecocks star Sindarius Thornwell.

Thornwell finished with career highs of 44 points and 21 rebounds. He made 25 free throws, surpassing LSU great "Pistol" Pete Maravich's mark of 21 in a Southeastern Conference game. But it was not enough for South Carolina (19-5, 9-2).

Alabama (14-9, 7-4) had a 17-point lead in the first half and a 12-point edge with less than 5 minutes to go, watching the Gamecocks rally back.

The Crimson Tide trailed 70-63 with 2:12 left in the second overtime, yet outscored South Carolina 11-4 to tie things once more. It was the Gamecocks who rallied in the final 90 seconds of the third overtime after trailing 82-77.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1936 — Jay Berwanger, University of Chicago half-back and Heisman Trophy winner, is the first player ever selected in the NFL Draft. The Philadelphia Eagles make the pick and eventually trade his rights to the Chicago Bears.

1997 — Scotty Bowman becomes the first NHL coach to win 1,000 games as Detroit beats Pittsburgh 6-5 on Brendan Shanahan's overtime goal. Bowman, the coach of six Stanley Cup champion teams, is 1,000-452-255 in regular-season games and 162-101 in the playoffs.

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