

Big 12 to withhold 25 percent of revenue share from Baylor

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The Big 12 Conference said Wednesday it will withhold millions of dollars in revenue from Baylor until an outside review determines the university and athletic department are complying with Title IX guidelines and other regulations in the wake of a campus sexual assault scandal. The league said it would withhold 25 percent of future revenue distribution payments to Baylor. Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Baylor has already received a \$10 million payout

for part of 2016-17 and the league expects a total payout of \$34 million for each of its 10 schools. The league will withhold 25 percent of the remaining projected \$24 million payout — or about \$6 million this year. The Big 12 said its board of directors voted unanimously to withhold the money. Baylor did not take part in the vote. “By taking these actions the board desires to ensure that the changes that were promised are actually made and that systems are in place to avoid future problems,” said David Boren, the University of Oklahoma president and

Big 12 board chairman. “The proportional withholding of revenue distribution payments will be in effect until the board has determined that Baylor is in compliance with conference bylaws and regulations as well as all components of Title IX.” Baylor is not being fined; the money is being placed in escrow pending a third-party verification of Baylor’s reform efforts. But the sanction is the first by the Big 12 since the school in Waco, Texas, was hit by a wave of complaints that it repeatedly or intentionally mishandled assault allegations, many of them involving

football players. Baylor fired coach Art Briles last year and parted ways with university President Ken Starr and athletic director Ian McCaw after an investigation by a law firm found allegations of sexual assault brought to the school were not dealt with appropriately. The nation’s largest Baptist university still faces at least six federal and state lawsuits as well as a federal civil rights investigation into claims the school and football program ignored, mishandled or tried to cover up reports of sexual or physical abuse and other criminal misdeeds across

campus for years. One court filing last week alleges more than 50 acts of rape by more than 30 football players over a four-year period, and that Baylor football promoted a culture of “sex, drugs and violence.” Most of the allegations stem from a highly successful time for the football program: From 2008-2015 under Briles, Baylor went from perennial doormat in the Big 12 to a championship contender, winning consecutive football titles in 2013-14. Baylor hired Mack Rhoades away from Missouri to be its new athletic director last year and brought

in former Temple coach Matt Rhule to take over the football program. Baylor was given 105 recommendations for reforming its Title IX process by Pepper Hamilton, the firm that handled the initial investigation. Interim President David Garland said the university considered the recommendations a “mandate.” “Baylor already had planned to hire an outside auditor to audit the implementation of our enhanced practices, and we welcome the Big 12 Conference’s request of an independent review,” Garland said in a statement.

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milestone they could reach at Loyola Marymount on Thursday. The players realized early that this team was special, Williams-Goss said. “We had this belief in the preseason,” Williams-Goss said. “If we took the defensive end seriously, we knew the sky was the limit for us.” Opponents have averaged only 61.7 points per game against Gonzaga this season, and the Zags have barely trailed in games. In their 24 games, the Bulldogs have trailed for just 63½ of the 960 total minutes played, roughly 6.6 percent of the time.

Their narrowest victory was a 73-71 escape against Iowa State, which was ranked No. 21 at the time. They also had single-digit wins over No. 17 Florida and No. 9 Arizona. The only other Gonzaga team to reach No. 1 was the 2013 squad led by Kelly Olynyk and Elias Harris. They were top-ranked for the final three weeks of the season. But that team lost during the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament, upset by a Wichita State team that would go undefeated in the next regular season. This team wants to go farther, because the only poll that really matters is the one that comes out at the end of

the season, Williams-Goss said. This year’s Zags are deeper than the 2013 squad. Six players average more than nine points per game. When Williams-Goss sat out the recent Santa Clara game with a sprained ankle, veteran guard Silas Melson started and the Zags roared to a 35-point victory. “It was good for our depth to stand up and show,” Few said. The Zags are the only remaining undefeated team in Division I, and their 24-game winning streak is tied for the longest in program history. “Being undefeated is obviously a huge accom-

plishment,” said Williams-Goss, a transfer from Washington who has yet to lose in a Gonzaga uniform. “But we’ve still got a lot of areas to grow in.” Only two Zags remain from the 2013 team. They are center Przemek Karnowski and little-used reserve Rem Bakamus, both seniors. Karnowski this season became the program’s all-time leader in victories, going 124-13 (.905) as a Bulldog. Few had praise for his team. “I am happy with how they have approached this year,” Few said. “They’ve stayed hungry and they’ve stayed humble.”



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Alex Rendon, of Pendleton, goes after Hermiston’s Silas Smith in the 132-pound class during a dual meet at the Dawg House on Feb. 1 in Hermiston.

LEAGUE RACES: Honkers girls clinch bye

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1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE
It appears that it will be a three-team race for the Old Oregon League titles this season on both the boys and girls sides, as Nixyaawii, Powder Valley, and Joseph have separated themselves from the pack. On the girls side, Nixyaawii has been nearly unbeatable for most of the league season, but will face Joseph and Powder Valley back-to-back to finish out the season. The Golden Eagles won the previous matchups against both teams by a combined 47 points. Echo (7-5) has a solid hold on the fourth spot currently, but there are three teams — Helix (4-7), Cove (4-8) and Wallowa (3-9) —

that are battling for the final two spots. Helix will play three-straight to close out its schedule, first at home against Powder Valley today before hitting the road to Joseph on Friday and Pine Eagle on Saturday. On the boys side, Nixyaawii needs just two wins out of its final three games to clinch the No. 1 seed, while Powder Valley (9-1) and Joseph (9-3) are battling for the second bye spot. Behind those three, Echo (5-7) is in competition with Wallowa (5-7), Cove (4-8), and Helix (3-8) for the final three spots in the district tournament. Helix, currently sitting one spot outside of the cutoff, needs to win its final three to have its best shot, at Powder Valley today, at Joseph on Friday and at Pine Eagle on

Saturday. **1A BIG SKY LEAGUE**
The Arlington girls basketball team has won 12 of its past 13 games, and currently sits atop the BSL standings with two games left to play — already clinching a first round bye in the district tournament. Meanwhile, Condon/Wheeler (7-5) is at No. 4 right now though with a pair of wins over Dufur on Friday and Sherman on Saturday could vault them into the third seed and the advantage of grabbing the BSL’s third-and-final automatic bid to the state postseason. On the boys side, Sherman (11-0) and Dufur (10-1) have clinched the two first-round district byes, while Arlington (7-5) sits in third and Condon/Wheeler

(6-6) in fourth. Arlington finishes up at home against Sherman (Friday) and Dufur (Saturday) this weekend, while Condon/Wheeler hosts Dufur on Friday and travels to Sherman on Saturday. Ione (2-9) is still alive for the sixth spot with three games to play as it sits two games back from South Wasco (4-7). The Cardinals need a minimum of two wins this weekend against Mitchell/Spray on Thursday, South Wasco on Friday and Horizon Christian on Saturday, though three wins would likely give them the final spot. *Contact Eric at esinger@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0839. Follow him on Twitter @ByEricSinger.*

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL			
Today			
Pendleton at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.	Culver at Stanfield, 6 p.m.	Powder Valley at Helix, 7:30 p.m.	Mac-Hi at Baker, 8:15 p.m.
Friday			
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.	Mac-Hi at La Grande, 7:30 p.m.	Nyssa at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.	Riverside at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday			
Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.	Weston-McEwen at Culver, 2:30 p.m.	Dufur at Arlington, 4 p.m.	Horizon Christian at Ione, 5:30 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.	Condon/Wheeler at Sherman, 5:30 p.m.	Nixyaawii at Joseph, 5:30 p.m.	Pine Eagle at Helix, 5:30 p.m.
Echo at Cove, 7 p.m.	Irrigon at Burns, 7 p.m.		
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL			
Today			
Culver at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.	Powder Valley at Helix, 6 p.m.	Mac-Hi at Baker, 6:30 p.m.	Pendleton at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.
Friday			
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 6 p.m.	Mac-Hi at La Grande, 6 p.m.	Nyssa at Irrigon, 6 p.m.	Riverside at Umatilla, 6 p.m.
Saturday			
Pendleton at The Dalles, 2:30 p.m.	Dufur at Arlington, 2:30 p.m.	Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.	Horizon Christian at Ione, 4 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 4 p.m.	Weston-McEwen at Culver, 4 p.m.	Condon/Wheeler at Sherman, 4 p.m.	Nixyaawii at Joseph, 4 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Helix, 4 p.m.	Echo at Cove, 4 p.m.	Irrigon at Burns, 5 p.m.	
PREP WRESTLING			
Friday			
Pendleton, Hermiston at 5A District 4 tournament (Hermiston), TBA	Mac-Hi at 4A District 4 tournament, TBA		
Saturday			
Pendleton, Hermiston at 5A District 4 tournament (Hermiston), TBA	Mac-Hi at 4A District 4 tournament, TBA	Echo/Stanfield, Heppner/Ione, Irrigon at Pine Eagle/Institute, 10 a.m.	
PREP SWIMMING			
Friday			
Pendleton, Hermiston at CRC championships (Hood River), TBA			
Saturday			
Pendleton, Hermiston at CRC championships (Hood River), TBA			
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL			
Friday			
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.			
Saturday			
Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 4 p.m.	Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.		
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL			
Friday			
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.			
Saturday			
Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 2 p.m.	Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.		

Wednesday			
Crater 51, Eagle Point 49	Dallas 45, Milwaukie 40	Gladstone 57, Corbett 36	Glencoe 68, Sunset 66
La Salle 77, Putnam 57	Madras 80, Molalla 57	Redmond 49, Ridgeview 45	Seaside 73, Astoria 53
GIRLS BASKETBALL			
Wednesday			
Barlow 38, Gresham 24	Central 49, Crescent Valley 23	Corvallis 69, Dallas 39	Crater 55, Eagle Point 20
La Salle 75, Putnam 29	Seaside 63, Astoria 35	Sheldahl 44, Willamette 32	Silverton 62, South Albany 45
Westview 43, Glenoak 40			
Prep Standings			
BOYS BASKETBALL			
5A Columbia River Conference			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Pendleton	3-0	8-4	13
Hermiston	3-1	13-5	10
Hood River	1-2	6-9	26
The Dalles	0-4	3-12	28
4A Greater Oregon League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
La Grande	4-0	16-2	2
Ontario	2-1	8-7	15
Baker	1-3	7-14	26
Mac-Hi	0-3	6-10	34
3A Eastern Oregon League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Umatilla	6-2	14-7	8
Burns	5-3	13-8	23
Irrigon	5-3	12-7	15
Nyssa	5-4	8-12	17
Vale	2-6	4-16	34
Riverside	2-7	6-13	35
2A Columbia Basin Conference			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Stanfield	5-0	15-1	1
Heppner	3-3	11-5	11
Weston-McEwen	3-3	11-8	15
Pilot Rock	3-3	10-8	22
Culver	0-5	1-15	40
1A Big Sky League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Sherman	11-0	17-5	1
Dufur	10-1	15-2	10
Arlington	7-5	12-9	24
Condon/Wheeler	6-6	11-10	34
Horizon Christian	5-6	12-10	21
South Wasco	4-7	7-11	28
Ione	2-9	3-16	45
Mitchell/Spray	0-11	1-16	60
1A Old Oregon League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Nixyaawii	11-0	14-4	13
Powder Valley	9-1	14-4	12
Joseph	9-3	15-5	16
Echo	5-7	6-15	43
Wallowa	5-7	5-15	44
Cove	4-8	6-13	48
Helix	3-8	4-13	53
Pine Eagle	0-12	1-18	67
GIRLS BASKETBALL			
5A Columbia River Conference			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Pendleton	3-0	7-6	13
Hermiston	3-1	9-9	14
The Dalles	1-3	6-8	21
Hood River	0-3	6-7	25
4A Greater Oregon League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Baker	4-0	13-4	9
La Grande	2-2	9-9	18

Ontario	1-2	3-14	30
Mac-Hi	0-3	1-14	36
3A Eastern Oregon League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Vale	6-2	16-4	6
Nyssa	6-3	15-7	9
Burns	5-3	13-7	10
Irrigon	5-3	12-8	14
Riverside	2-7	8-10	29
Umatilla	1-7	6-15	30
2A Columbia Basin Conference			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Weston-McEwen	5-1	14-5	12
Pilot Rock	4-2	14-4	10
Culver	3-2	11-6	16
Stanfield	1-4	4-13	34
Heppner	1-5	6-10	30
1A Big Sky League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Arlington	11-1	16-5	16
Horizon Christian	10-1	16-5	19
South Wasco	7-4	10-9	29
Condon/Wheeler	7-5	10-11	33
Dufur	4-7	6-11	42
Sherman	4-7	6-15	49
Ione	2-9	2-17	52
Mitchell/Spray	0-11	2-14	60
1A Old Oregon League			
	Conf.	Ovr	Rank
Nixyaawii	11-0	18-0	1
Powder Valley	9-1	15-3	3
Joseph	8-4	14-5	11
Echo	7-5	14-7	14
Helix	4-7	9-9	25
Cove	4-8	7-13	34
Wallowa	3-9	3-17	44
Pine Eagle	0-12	0-16	50
Basketball			
NBA			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
	W	L	Pct
1. Cleveland	36	15	.706
2. Boston	33	19	.635
3. Washington	31	21	.596
4. Toronto	32	22	.593
5. Atlanta	31	22	.585
6. Indiana	29	23	.558
7. Chicago	26	27	.490
8. Detroit	25	28	.472
Charlotte	24	28	.462
Miami	23	30	.434
Milwaukee	22	29	.431
New York	22	32	.407
Orlando	20	34	.370
Philadelphia	18	34	.346
Brooklyn	9	44	.170
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
	W	L	Pct
1. Golden State	40	12	.769
2. San Antonio	40	12	.769
3. Houston	38	17	.691
4. Utah	34	19	.642
5. L.A. Clippers	32	21	.604
6. Memphis	33	22	.600
7. Oklahoma City	30	23	.566
8. Denver	23	29	.442
Portland	23	30	.434
Sacramento	21	32	.396
Dallas	20	32	.385
Minnesota	20	33	.377
New Orleans	20	33	.377
L.A. Lakers	18	37	.327
Phoenix	16	37	.302
Wednesday's Games			
Cleveland 132, Indiana 117	San Antonio 111, Philadelphia 103	Atlanta 117, Denver 106	Detroit 121, L.A. Lakers 102
Washington 114, Brooklyn 110, OT	L.A. Clippers 119, New York 115	Memphis 110, Phoenix 91	

Miami 106, Milwaukee 88	Minnesota 112, Toronto 109	Utah 127, New Orleans 94	Sacramento 108, Boston 92
Golden State 123, Chicago 92	Today's Games		
Houston at Charlotte, 4 p.m.	Philadelphia at Orlando, 4 p.m.	Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.	Utah at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 7:30 p.m.	Friday's Games		
Denver at New York, 4:30 p.m.	Miami at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.	Golden State at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 5 p.m.	L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.	New Orleans at Minnesota, 5 p.m.	Atlanta at Sacramento, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.	NCAA		
Men's AP Top 25			
Wednesday's Games			
No. 6 Baylor 72, Oklahoma State 69	No. 9 Arizona 74, Stanford 67	No. 11 Cincinnati 60, UCF 50	No. 13 West Virginia 61, Oklahoma 50
No. 14 Florida State 95, NC State 71	No. 24 Xavier 72, DePaul 61	Today's Games	
No. 1 Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount, 7 p.m.	No. 5 Oregon at No. 10 UCLA, 7 p.m.	No. 7 Wisconsin at Nebraska, 6 p.m.	No. 8 North Carolina at No. 18 Duke, 5 p.m.
No. 16 Purdue at Indiana, 4 p.m.	No. 20 Saint Mary's vs. Portland, 7 p.m.	No. 25 SMU at Temple, 6 p.m.	
Friday's Games			
No games scheduled			
Women's AP Top 25			
Wednesday's Games			
No. 21 Michigan 72, Purdue 62	No. 22 South Florida 76, East Carolina 66	Today's Games	
No. 3 Maryland vs. Illinois, 4 p.m.	No. 4 Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.	No. 5 Florida State vs. Wake Forest, 4 p.m.	No. 6 South Carolina vs. Auburn, 4 p.m.
No. 12 Louisville at Virginia Tech, 4 p.m.	No. 16 Miami vs. Virginia, 4 p.m.	No. 17 N.C. State at Georgia Tech, 4 p.m.	No. 24 Tennessee vs. Missouri, 4 p.m.
Friday's Games			
No. 8 Stanford vs. Colorado, 8 p.m.	No. 9 Oregon State vs. Southern Cal, 8 p.m.	No. 10 Washington vs. Arizona, 8 p.m.	No. 14 Duke vs. No. 20 Syracuse, 4 p.m.
No. 15 UCLA at Oregon, 6 p.m.	No. 18 DePaul at Xavier, 4 p.m.	No. 23 Arizona State at Washington State, 7 p.m.	
Hockey			
NHL			
Wednesday's Games			
Chicago 4, Minnesota 3, OT	Today's Games		
Vancouver at Columbus, 4 p.m.	Detroit at Washington, 4 p.m.	Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.	Anaheim at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Boston, 4 p.m.	N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.	Los Angeles at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.	St. Louis at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Colorado, 6 p.m.	Montreal at Arizona, 6 p.m.	
Friday's Games			
Chicago at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.	Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 5 p.m.		

DISTRICTS: Starts Friday

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points. Everybody’s got a role on the team, and everybody knows their role, whether they should be winning titles or striving to make it to the state tournament.” Pendleton coach Fred Phillips, in his 16th season, said it’s the most parity he’s seen at the district tournament. “We all in our region, the good old IMC as we still like to call it, we believe we have the toughest and deepest regional of the four that qualifies kids for state,” he said. “Everybody except for one team has really good kids that are going to contribute and vie