SPORTS

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 aver-aged 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 $63\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

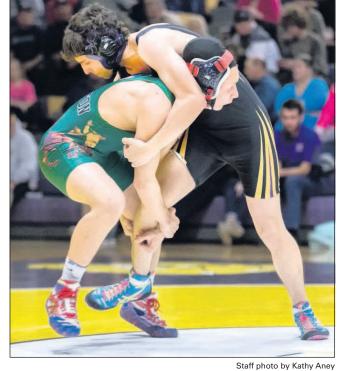
The Zags are the only remaining undefeated team in Division I, and their 24-game winning streak is tied for the longest in program history.

"Being undefeated is obviously a huge accomplishment," 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 vear," Few said. "They've stayed hungry and they've stayed humble."



Alex Rendon, of Pendleton, goes after Hermiston's Si-las Smith in the 132-pound class during a dual meet at the Dawg House on Feb. 1 in Hermiston.

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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 for spots at the state tournament. I've got to say this is the most balanced I've seen the league since I've been a part of it. It just matters which teams show up and compete on Saturday.'

were third. Joey Gutierrez was second to Willett at 160, and has wrestled as heavy as 182 this year, and Jesus Rodriguez was the thirdplace 120-pounder.

Corey Mason (220) and Wade Kirkpatrick (152) also placed last season for the Bulldogs, but not high enough to earn a state berth.

Larson said those are two he expects to come out wrestling hard and have a good chance to break through this season, and said the 106 class is another where he hopes to pick up a lot of points with Ruben Madrigal and Alice Todryk.

that are battling for the final two spots. Helix will play three-straight to close out is 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, Nixy-aawii 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, 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.

Condon/ Meanwhile, 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 thirdand-final automatic bid to the state postseason.

Sherman (11-0) and Dufur

(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

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.

Ione (2-9) is still alive

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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

Saturday.

On the boys side,

hold on the fourth spot currently, but there are three teams — Helix (4-7), Cove (4-8) and Wallowa (3-9) —

needs to win its final three to have its best shot, at Powder Valley today, at Joseph on Friday and at Pine Eagle on

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Basketball

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5. Atlanta

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Portland

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SCOREBOARD

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Heppner

Arlington

Dufur

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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. Heppner at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m Saturday Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

Weston-McEven 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. Nixvaawii 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

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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

- Fcho/Stanfield, Heppner/lone, Irrigon at Pine Eagle Invite, 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, 5:30 p.m.

Prep Scores

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wednesday Crater 61, 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

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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

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Baker	1-3	7-14	26
Mac-Hi	0-3	6-10	34
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Heppner	3-3	11-5	11
Weston-McEwer	n 3-3	11-8	15
Pilot Rock	3-3	10-8	22
Culver	0-5	1-15	40

1A Big Sky Leag	ue		
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Sherman	11-0	17-5	1
Dufur	10-1	15-2	10
Arlington	7-5	12-9	24
Condon/Wheeler			34
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South Wasco	4-7	7-11	28
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Mitchell/Spray	0-11	1-16	60
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	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
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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	

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9-9	18	Memphis 110, Phoenix 91

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Chicago at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.

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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

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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 Wednesday's Games Chicago 4, Minnesota 3, OT Today's Games Vancouver at Columbus, 4 p.m. Detroit at Washington, 4 p.m. Anaheim at Buffalo, 4 p.m. San Jose at Boston, 4 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 4 p. Los Angeles at Florida, 4:30 p.m. St. Louis at Toroto, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m. 4 p.m Dallas at Ottawa, 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.

No team, though, can claim quite the depth of the Bulldogs.

Hermiston handled each of its league duals against Pendleton, Hood River and The Dalles with ease, and defeated Bend and Mountain View with equal aplomb at the Oregon Wrestling Championships. Redmond, Summit and Ridgeview complete the district field.

Hermiston and Redmond each have three returning district champions, and the Bulldogs' nine returning state qualifiers leads the pack.

The strength of Hermiston's formidable lineup falls in the middle weights as junior Adrian Tuia (145 pounds), and seniors C.J. Hendon (152) and Valen Wyse (160) all won titles at lighter weight classes last season.

Athletes will be seeded at today's coaches meeting, and the 152-160 brackets are shaping up to be the most competitive of the tournament as Pendleton senior Morgan Holcomb and Redmond senior Mitch Willett both won district titles as well last year and have wrestled in each of those weight classes this season. Summit's Grant Leipart is another wrestler to watch there.

Also back to defend their titles from last year are Redmond's Evan McLean (113) and Mario Nonato (220) and Mountain View's Caleb Duhn (126).

Four more Bulldogs are the top returner in their bracket, and heavyweight Beau Blake was second last season while John-Henry Line (195). Kenny Bevan (182) and Julio Leiva (170)

absolutely "We're expecting both of those two to make it to state tournament," he said. "It's tough to do sometimes but we're expecting both those to go.'

The Bucks aren't loaded up like the Bulldogs, but have several state hopefuls and could contend for second place in team points with a strong showing.

Joining Holcomb as a title contenders for Pendleton are sophomore Alex Rendon (132) and senior Jeff Kovach (138). Each wrestler won his last match, which came during a dual in Hermiston on Feb. 1 which was also the last live action for the Bulldogs, as both teams were stuck at home last weekend due to inclement weather.

"We're a little shy on the amount of matches I'd like to have going into regionals," Phillips said. "Maybe in hindsight we'll be rested and fresh and ready to go."

The ultimate goal for the Bulldogs is an 11th banner to adorn their gymnasium wall, and Larson said it's hard to put a number on how many state berths the team needs to secure to put them in the driver's seat.

'There's been some years where we've taken 11 to sate and won a state title, and there's years we've taken 16 to state and won the title and with eight champions,' he said. "We want to get as many to the state tournament as possible. One of these years our goals is to have 28 in the state tournament and 14 champs, so we definitely have high expectations as a coaching staff.

Action will begin on Friday at 3:30 p.m., and is expected to pick back up around 10 a.m. on Saturday. All matches will take place on three mats in the main gym.

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No. 13 West Virginia 61, Oklahoma 50 No. 14 Florida State 95, NC State 71 No. 24 Xavier 72, DePaul 61 No. 1 Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount, 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,

No games scheduled

Women's AP Top 25