**Women's College Basketball** 

# Trojans stun No. 9 Oregon State

**By ANNE M. PETERSON** Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Sadie Edwards scored 17 points, Courtney Jaco had 15 and Southern California upset No. 9 Oregon State 70-50 on Friday night, snapping the Beavers' seven-game winning streak.

Sydney Wiese had 17 points to lead Oregon State (22-3, 11-2 Pac-12). With two assists, Wiese moved within one of Leilani Estavan's career record (577) for the Beavers.

The victory snapped a two-game skid for USC (13-11, 4-9). Kristen Simon added 14 points and seven rebounds for the Trojans.

Valerie Higgins' jumper gave USC a 52-40 lead with just more than five minutes left, and Oregon State could not catch up.

The Beavers will play No. 15 UCLA on Sunday. Oregon State's only previous conference loss this season came against the Bruins,



Southern California forward Ja'Tavia Tapley (5) and guard Valerie Higgins (22) defend Oregon State forward/center Breanna Brown during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Friday in Corvallis.

66-56 at Pauley Pavilion on

Earlier on Friday night, Oregon defeated UCLA

UCLA's 85-76 victory over No. 8 Stanford on Monday had given Oregon State sole possession of the top spot in the league stand-

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Pac-12

ings heading into Friday night's game.

Beavers, The won a share of the Pac-12 regular-season title last year before winning the conference tournament, play three of their last five remaining games at home. They'll host Stanford during the final weekend of the regular season.

Oregon State beat Stanford 72-69 in double overtime at Maples Pavilion, the first time the Beavers had ever won on the Cardinal's home court.

The Trojans kept Oregon State from pulling in front after the Beavers tied the game at 31 early in the third quarter. Southern California pushed the lead to 45-38 late in the period on Minyon Moore's 3-pointer.

## Ionescu's triple-double leads Oregon women

Associated Press

**EUGENE** Bando scored a season-high 25 points, including five 3-pointers, Sabrina Ionescu had her fourth triple-double of the season and Oregon beat No. 15 UCLA 84-74 on Friday night.

Ionescu, a 5-foot-10 freshman, finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Ruthy Hebard, also a freshman, scored 15 and grabbed 10 boards for her ninth doubledouble of the season and Maite Cazorla had 13 points. Hebard's

layup opened scoring the and the Ducks

(16-9, 6-7 Pac 12) never trailed. UCLA's Monique Billings hit two free throws to make it 4-all, but the Bruins went without a field goal for nearly four minutes and Bando scored Oregon's final

**Pac-12** Oregon seven points during a 10-1 run to make it 14-5 midway through the quarter. Hebard scored six during a 12-4 run that

gave the Ducks a 15-point lead with nine minutes left in the half.

Nicole Kornet 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions to pull UCLA (18-6, 9-4) within six with 7:53 left, but Bando answered with a 3, a layup and another 3-pointer to make it 74-60 with three minutes to play and Oregon hit 10 of 12 free throws from there to seal it.

Jordin Canada had 20 points, six rebounds and seven assists and Billings scored 18 with 12 boards for UCLA, which has lost 2 of 3 after winning six in a row.

The Ducks shot 50 percent from the field, including 9 of 15 from 3-point range.

### Red Wings, Tigers owner Mike Ilitch dies at 87

The Associated Press

DETROIT—Mike Ilitch, founder of the Little Caesars Pizza empire and owner of the Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Tigers, died on Friday, according to his family. He was 87.

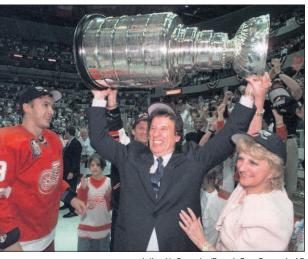
Ilitch was praised for keeping his professional hockey and baseball teams in Detroit as other urban sports franchises relocated to new suburban stadiums. His family released a statement saying Ilitch was a visionary who set the tone for his company and his family.

"He made such a positive impact in the world of sports, in business and

in the community, and we will remember him for his unwavering commitment to his employees, his passion for Detroit, his generosity to others and his devotion to his family and friends," his son Christopher Ilitch said in the statement Friday night.

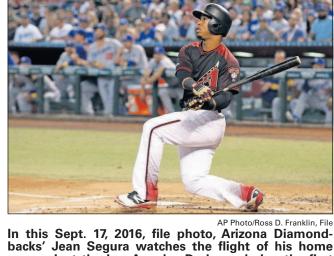
Family spokesman Doug Kuiper said Ilitch died at a hospital, but no other details were provided.

Under his ownership and open checkbook, the Red Wings soared back to stability and won four Stanley Cup championships, and the Tigers — who'd scouted a young Ilitch in the 1940s — made it to the World Series.



Julian H. Gonzalez/Detroit Free Press via AP

In this June 17. 1998, file photo, Detroit Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch, center, hoists the Stanley Cup in Washington after the Red Wings won their second consecutive NHL championship. Igor Larionov is at left.



run against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the first inning of a baseball game in Phoenix.

#### **MARINERS:**

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"Last year we had the oldest position player club in baseball and that's an irrefutable fact," Dipoto said. "Effectively, what we've done is we've tried to incorporate a couple of younger players and fold them in without burdening them too much with having to be the centerpiece to what we're doing."
Seattle's biggest offseason

splash was acquiring Jean Segura from Arizona, hoping he can replicate last season when he led the National League with 203 hits and successfully make the move back to shortstop after spending most of last season at second base.

"To bring Jean Segura in here to stabilize shortstop was too good to pass up especially with the offensive year he had last year," Servais said.

Here are some more things to watch when the Mariners report:

**NEW LOOK:** For the second straight offseason, most of Seattle's roster has undergone a makeover. The biggest acquisitions were Segura, outfielders Jarrod Dyson and Mitch Haniger, pitchers Yovani Gallardo and Drew Smyly and infielder Danny Valencia. Segura, Dyson and Haniger are expected to be opening starters, Valencia could join them if there is a lefty on the mound, and Gallardo and Smyly will be the biggest keys to whether Seattle has a deep enough rotation to contend.

**ROOKIES** WATCH: Haniger and Ben Gamel will have plenty of eyes on them during spring training looking at whether they can be a capable outfield duo as part of a four- or five-man rotation that could be among the better defensive outfield units in baseball. While Haniger and

Gamel are top prospects, both will need to show they can hit and bring more than just their defense.

Also watch out for what Tyler O'Neill does in spring training. Seattle's top minorleague prospect is likely to begin the season in Triple-A, but a big spring could set the stage for an appearance in Seattle a bit earlier during the regular season than expected.

THEY'RE SET: Seattle's infield and its starting rotation both appear set. Cano (second base), Segura (shortstop) and Seager (third base) are locks, with Daniel Vogelbach and Valencia splitting time at first base, and Mike Zunino and Carlos Ruiz splitting time behind the plate.

On the mound, Hernandez, Hisashi Iwakuma, James Paxton, Smyly and Gallardo — in some order — are the five Seattle wants to go into the season with. Still to be determined is whether Ariel Miranda goes to the bullpen or the minors.

**THEY'RE NOT:** Every spot in the bullpen — other than closer Edwin Diaz is a bit of a question. The Mariners would like to see Marc Rzepczynski as their left-handed specialist, with Nick Vincent, Dan Altavilla and Shae Simmons part of the group that gets the ball to Diaz. The few competitions during spring training will focus on the other couple of spots surrounding those. ON DECK: Seattle will

lose a handful of its stars to the World Baseball Classic for a chunk of March. That'll give some of the younger prospects a chance to make an impression with the likes of Cano, Cruz and Hernandez away. the WBC players return in late March, the Mariners believe they'll be putting the finishing touches on a team ready to contend in the AL West.

### **PREPS:** Nixyaawii boys and girls coast to big league wins over Pine Eagle

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going to the rim."

Irrigon (13-7, 6-3 EOL) held the lead at the end of each quarter, but Nyssa (8-12, 5-4) was never far behind. A few three-pointers in the second half finally gave Irrigon the breathing room it needed, and it hit its free throws in the fourth quarter finishing 13 of 18 at the line.

Andres Gonzalez led Nyssa with 18 points.

Austin Rice added 13 points for Irrigon, which clinched at least third place and could move up to second with a win at Burns today that closes the regular season. That game is set for a 7 p.m. tip, and the first round of the district tournament will be Tuesday at neutral sites.

NHS 17 15 11 20 — 53 IHS 11 15 14 19 — 59 NYSSA — A. Gonzalez 18, O. Tellez 11, J. Ortiz 8, B. Thompson 6, J. Fuentes 5, P. Chavez 5, I. Hernandez, E. Trinidad, D. McIntosh, W. Jensen. IRRIGON — H. White 22, A. Rice 13, D.

Vera 7, J. Philips 6, A. Roa 4, L. Covarrubia 4, K. Fleming 2, O. Vera 1, A. Gomez, E. 3-pointers — NHS 7; IHS 4. Free throws — NHS 4-6; IHS 13-18. Fouls — NHS 11;

**NIXYAAWII 69, PINE EAGLE 20** — At Mission, the Spartans predicated their defense on slowing Nixyaawii freshman guard Mick Schimmel, but didn't succeed as he scored 20 points in an Old Oregon League win on Friday.

Its box-and-1 defense also left Pine Eagle vulnerable to kick-out shots, and junior Noah Enright was the main beneficiary as he sank five three-pointers and finished with a game-high 21 points for his highest total of the

"He was hot tonight, and I don't think he missed too many shots," said Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera.

Nixyaawii (15-4, 12-0 OOL) hit 11 three-pointers total, led 41-8 at halftime, and was able to clear the bench in the second half and give starters plenty of rest with today's 5:30 p.m. game at Joseph in mind.

"With a big game (Saturday) it was nice to be able to get some guys some rest," Rivera said. "Hopefully it pays off (Saturday).

PE 2 6 10 2 - 20
NCS 19 22 13 15 - 69
PINE EAGLE — J. Thorn 8, B. Robinette
4, J. Wagner 4, T. Gulick 2, C. Walker 2, I.
Gotzman, N. Seggerman.
NIXYAAWII — N. Enright 21, M. Schimmel 20, S. Hoisington 6, C. Herrera 6, W.
Oatman 3, T. Bushman 2, J. Church 2, J.

Penney 2, C. Case, A. Matamoros. 3-pointers — PE 0; NCS 11. Free throws — PE 0-4; NCS 4-4. Fouls — PE 5; NCS 8.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

NIXYAAWII 58, PINE **EAGLE 31** — At Mission, undefeated Golden Eagles soared to their 19th straight win of the season on Friday in Old Oregon League play. It was the team's final home game and senior night.

Milan Schimmel scored a game-high 25 points, and Kaitlynn Melton added 10 points for Nixyaawii (19-0, 12-0 OOL) as guard Mary Stewart got the night off to rest some minor bumps and bruises.

Hannah Tanaka scored 15 points to lead Pine Eagle (0-17, 0-13).

Nixyaawii closes the regular season in the road with a game at Joseph today at 4 p.m., then at Powder Valley on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

PE 12 6 6 7 - 31
NCS 18 15 8 17 - 58
PINE EAGLE — H. Tanaka 15, K. Jensen
9, B. Bell 4, K. Melchior 2, A. Vannice 1, L.
Cantrell, A. Graven.
NIXYAAWII — M. Schimmel 25, K. Melton
10, S. Ftizpatrick 9, E. Looney 7, S. Fuentes
4, T. Broncheau 2, T. Melton 1, A. Tonasket,
S. Patrick E. Buller, K. Mourtapiolisf

S. Patrick, E. Butler, K. Mountainchief. 3-pointers — PE 3; NCS 5. Free throws -PE 2-5; NCS 8-30. Fouls — PE 20; NCS 3.

WESTON-MCEWEN 46, STANFIELD 31 — At

Stanfield, the Tigers were able to keep a better handle on Weston-McEwen guard Chelsea Quaempts time around, but the junior TigerScot still managed a game-high 20 points to lead her team to a Columbia Basin Conference win on Friday night.

Quaempts went 10 for 13 at the free throw line, and Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said Weston-McEwen (15-5, 6-1 CBC) made the most of its freebies in the third quarter to create the gap it needed to hold off the Tigers when they made a push in the fourth quarter.

Ali Schroeder added 10 points as Weston-McEwen won its sixth game in a row. Brittin Braithwaite carried

Stanfield (4-15, 1-6) with 10 points and 13 rebounds, and Shyanne Connell added nine rebounds to go with five points.

Stanfield ends its season today at Pilot Rock in a game that tips off at 1 p.m. Weston-McEwen will close the regular season today at Culver at 4 p.m. before turning its focus to the district tournament.

W-M 12 7 15 12 — 46 SHS 4 13 5 9 — 31 WESTON-MCEWEN — C. Quaempts 20, A. Schroeder 10, A. Finifrock 6, S. Von Borstel 5. S. Finifrock 3. K. Vescio 2. M.

Muilenburg, R. Penney, B. Hillmick, A. Coffman, J. Lambert. STANFIELD — B. Braithwaite 10, S. Connell 5, K. Hart 4, S. Sharp 4, A. Lemmon 2, M. Griffin 2, N. Esquivel 2, J. Martinez,

J. Garcia. 3-pointers — W-M 1; SHS 0. Free throws — W-M 15-27; SHS 9-16. Fouls — W-M

PILOT ROCK 49. **HEPPNER 38** — At Pilot Rock, the Rockets kept a hold on the No. 2 spot in the league standings with a sluggish win over Heppner on Friday night.

"There wasn't a lot of energy to start the game tonight for us," Pilot Rock coach Butch Wilson said. "It was definitely an off night for us on offense. We were doing everything right, just couldn't get the ball to go in the basket as much as we'd like.

Kayla Deist led all scorers with 14 points and Rachel Willingham followed with 12 points for the Rockets. Bekah Roe pitched in a double-double for Pilot Rock with 10 points and 10 boards. Jacee Ĉurrin led Heppner with 12 points. Pilot Rock finishes the

regular season today at home against Stanfield, and Heppner will travel to Culver on Monday.

HHS 5 6 11 16 — 38 PR 7 9 12 21 — 49 HEPPNER — J. Currin 12, K. Gray 9, M. Correa 6, R. Dompier 5, Silva 4, J. Mahoney 2. PILOT ROCK — K. Deist 14, R. Willingham 12, B. Roe 10, J. Wilson 8, S. Weinke 3, R. Oates 2. 3-pointers — HHS 3, PR 3. Free throws

NYSSA 37, IRRIGON **26** — At Irrigon, the Knights struggled with their jump shot and quickly fell behind

in Friday's Eastern Oregon

HHS 9-16, PR 18-32. Fouls - HHS 21

League loss to Nyssa. Nyssa (16-7, 7-3 EOL) led 31-15 at halftime.

"We didn't shoot the ball well enough to beat a team like Nyssa," said Irrigon coach Mike Royer. "Defensively the girls worked hard, but we couldn't find any rhythm offensively."

Jada Burns scored 18 points for Irrigon (12-9, 5-4) and added four steals. Kylie Wyant led them with eight rebounds.

Kierra Hernandez led Nyssa with 15 points.

Irrigon will try to earn the last spot in the district tournament today when it plays at Burns for a 5 p.m. tip.

"It all boils down to (Saturday's) game at Burns,' Royer said. "If we win we advance, if we lose we don't. I'm confident the girls will bounce back.'

NHS 12 19 6 5 - 37 IHS 19 5 5 - 26 NYSSA — K. Hernandez 15, S. Hartley 12, C. Lancaster 3, B. Arredondo 3, M. Mitchell 3, A. Hernandez 1. IRRIGON — J. Burns 18, T. Davis 5, A. Zacarias 2, K. Wyant 1. Free throws — NHS 9-20; IHS 9-16.

LA GRANDE 64, MAC-HI 28 — At La Grande, the Pioneers were slow to get started and never matched the Tigers' pace in a one-sided Greater Oregon League game on Friday night.

Lacey Miles scored 20 points to lead La Grande (10-9, 3-2 GOL) to its first back-to-back wins since Dec. 21-22. The Tigers had beaten the Pioneers 69-45 on Monday in Milton-Freewater.

Sidney Richwine was

high-point for Mac-Hi (1-16, 0-5 GOL) with eight points,

and added 11 rebounds. Mac-Hi will try to finish the season strong on Monday when it hosts Ontario at 3:30 p.m. Then on Tuesday the Pioneers will play a district tournament play-in game at either Ontario or La Grande.

M-H 2 8 10 8 — 28 LGHS 17 14 19 14 — 64 MAC-HI — S. Richwine 8, M. Yensen B. Smiley 5, B. Hernandez 3, S. Earls 3, M. Martinez 2, K. Casillas, B. Jones, B. Garcia,

C. Flores. LA GRANDE — L. Miles 20, B. Givens 9, J. Howton 8, L. Jensen 6, C. Conrad 5, B.

J. Howton 8, L. Jensen 6, C. Coniad 3, B. Hutchins 5, M. Tussey 3, H. Hatley 3, M. Orton 2, D. Lester.

3-pointers — M-H 3; LGHS 6. Free throws — M-H 3-10; LGHS 4-8. FOuls — M-H 7; LGHS 14. Fouled out — L. Jensen (LGHS).

JOSEPH 63, HELIX 38 — At Joseph, the Helix Grizzlies couldn't keep up with the Joseph Eagles as Helix lost its fourth straight

game 63-38 to Joseph on Friday night. "They (Joesph) put a lot of pressure on our guards and we turned it over too much," Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger said,

"They showed up ready to play and we have to be better and ready to go next time." Macey Tullis and Emma Fehrenbacker led Helix (8-11, 4-9 OOL) in scoring with eight points apiece and

Helix finishes up the regular season today at home against Pine Eagle at 3 p.m.

Arianna Krol added seven

3-pointers — GHS 3, JHS 1. Free throws — GHS 11-23, JHS 4-7. Fouls — GHS 11, JHS 21.