

Men's College Basketball

Top 3 teams lead Pac-12 Tournament marquee

UCLA, Oregon, Arizona each have bye to quarterfinals

By JOHN MARSHALL Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Pac-12 Tournament starts Wednesday with four first-round games. The four games on Thursday kick off the conference's bid for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

No. 3 UCLA, No. 5 Oregon and No. 7 Arizona each get a bye into the quarterfinals along The Strip, kicking off a stretch of three games in three days for an eventual champion that will have a strong case for the top seed in the West Regional.

"I think whoever wins the tournament will be a 1 or a 2 in the West depending on how Gonzaga does," Oregon coach Dana Altman said. "It's a big advantage to stay in your region. Your fans are able to get to the site easier and you don't want to have to travel far."

The Wildcats (27-4) shared the Pac-12 regular-season title with Oregon (27-4) at 16-2, with the Bruins (28-3) a game behind at 15-3.

The Pac-12's power trio dominated the league, finishing well ahead of fourth-place Utah. All three have rosters built for deep NCAA Tournament runs and are expected to light up T-Mobile Arena with high-level basketball.

"We have the best conference in America right now — UCLA, Oregon are Final Four contenders and us — so winning the Pac-12



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

Oregon's Dillon Brooks (24) dunks during the first half of the team's NCAA college basketball game against Oregon State on Saturday, March 4, 2017, in Corvallis, Ore.

Conference Tournament is a huge deal with the competition we have," Arizona freshman guard Rawle Alkins said.

UCLA, Arizona and Oregon have all beaten each other. The Ducks and Wildcats each split games with UCLA and Oregon clobbered Arizona 85-58 in Eugene in their lone meeting.

Top-seeded Oregon will play the winner of Wednesday's game

between Stanford and Arizona State, while Arizona opens against the Colorado-Washington State winner. UCLA, which is on the same side of the bracket as the Wildcats, gets the winner between Washington and Southern California.

A few more things to look for from the Pac-12 Tournament:

BUBBLE TEAMS: California, Utah and USC all could

use good runs in the Pac-12 Tournament to bolster NCAA Tournament hopes. The Utes (20-10) appeared to be on the outside looking in just a few weeks ago, but closed the regular season with three straight wins. The Bears (19-11) had an opposite ending to the regular season, losing their final two, including one to Utah. USC (23-8) has the best record among the trio, but had a late-season four-game losing streak that included a loss to Arizona State.

FULTZ'S FINALE?: The Pac-12 Tournament was expected to be the final go-around for Washington freshman point guard Markelle Fultz. The Huskies will not make the postseason beyond the conference tournament and Fultz is expected to leave for the NBA, where he's been predicted to be the No. 1-overall draft pick in some mock drafts. But Fultz's season may already be over. The talented guard has missed five of the past seven games and his status for Wednesday's game is uncertain.

ONE AND DONE: Several players could be playing in their one and only Pac-12 Tournament. UCLA freshman point guard Lonzo Ball is expected to leave for the NBA and has also been pegged as the No. 1 overall pick in some mock drafts. Ball's teammate and fellow freshman TJ Leaf could possibly join him in leaving for the NBA after a season that skyrocketed his draft stock. Arizona 7-foot freshman Lauri Markkanen is another player who could leave early, pegged as a possible lottery pick if he comes out.

NBA

Nowitzki sixth to score 30,000

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki has become the sixth NBA player and first international player to score 30,000 points. The Dallas superstar hit the milestone on a fadeaway jumper with 10:58 left in the second quarter.



Nowitzki

The 7-foot German, in his 19th season, is the third to score at least 30,000 points with one team. The others are Karl Malone (Utah) and Kobe Bryant (Lakers).

The 30,000 list includes four Hall of Famers in career leader Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387 points), Malone, Michael Jordan and Wilt Chamberlain, and a future one in Bryant.

BRIEFLY

Hermiston High golf team to hold fundraiser

HERMISTON — The Hermiston High School Golf Association is holding two-person scramble tournament fundraiser at Big River Golf Course on April 22.

The scramble will begin at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start, and it will also include raffle prizes, a putting contest and other contests at various holes throughout the course, as well as a barbecue meal afterwards.

The entry fee is \$60 per-person for adults, and \$40 per-person for students, and cart fees are not included. Checks can be made payable to HHS Golf Association, and entry forms can be turned in to Big River Golf Course.

For more information, contact tournament directors Bob Brinkley at 541-571-4647 or Karl Adams at 541-561-7044.

Schimmel helps Spanish team extend win streak

PENDLETON — Jude Schimmel came off the bench for her second-highest total as pro with 13 points on Saturday to help Spain's Cadi Le Seu match its season-high win streak by beating CREF Hola 70-59 for its third win in a row.

Schimmel, an enrolled member of the CTUIR, also had two assists. She also came off the bench on March 1 to score seven points on 2-of-3 shooting with an assist in a 72-64 win over Zamarat.

Cadi Le Seu (11-11) has four games left in the regular season and will play again on March 11.

— East Oregonian

UCLA's Ball deserving of hype, voted Pac-12 Player of the Year

Oregon's Brooks selected to first team all-conference

By JOHN MARSHALL Associated Press

UCLA freshman Lonzo Ball has been named player and newcomer of the year, while Arizona coach Sean Miller has been named coach of the year on the All-Pac-12 Conference men's basketball team announced Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Ball arrived at UCLA with plenty of hype and lived up to this season, leading the nation in assists with 7.8 per game. The

6-foot-6 guard also averaged 14.9 points and 6.2 rebounds for the third-ranked Bruins.

Led by Ball, UCLA is the nation's top-scoring team at 91.3 points per game and is in position for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Miller had arguably the best season of his eight-year coaching career in Tucson, leading the Wildcats to a share of the Pac-12 title despite a suspension to his team's best returning player and a slew of injuries.

Arizona played the first 19 games of the season without sophomore guard Allonzo Trier due to a suspension for performance-enhancing drugs and lost point guard Parker Jackson-Cart-

wright for six games with a sprained ankle.

The Wildcats also had center Dusan Ristic and guard Kadeem Allen go out with injuries, but still finished 27-4 overall and 16-2 in conference to share the Pac-12 title with No. 5 Oregon.

Ball was joined on the first team by teammate and fellow freshman TJ Leaf, along with Oregon's Dillon Brooks, Arizona's Lauri Markkanen and Markelle Fultz of Washington.

The 2017 AP All-Pac-12 team, with name, school, position, height, weight, class and hometown (u-denotes unanimous selections):

FIRST TEAM
u-Lonzo Ball, UCLA, G, 6-6,

190, Fr, Chino Hills, Calif.

u-Markelle, Fultz, Washington, G, 6-4, 195, Fr, Upper Marlboro, Md.

u-Dillon Brooks, Oregon, G, 6-7, 225, Jr, Mississauga, Ontario Lauri Markkanen, Arizona, F, 7-0, 230, Fr, Jyväskylä, Finland TJ Leaf, UCLA, F, 6-10, 225, Fr, El Cajon, Calif.

SECOND TEAM
Bryce Alford, UCLA, G, 6-13, 185, Sr, Albuquerque Derrick White, Colorado, G, 6-5, 200, Sr, Parker, Colo.

Kyle Kuzma, Utah, F, 6-9, 221, Jr, Flint, Mich.

Ivan Rabb, California, F, 6-11, 200, So, Oakland

Jordan Bell, Oregon, F, 6-9, 225, Jr, Long Beach, Calif.

BUCKAROOS: Looking for first final-bracket win since 1992 against Crescent Valley

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Shaw Jerome kept Churchill off the board, Curtis hit a jump shot to make it 18-16.

Smith connected from behind the arc to give the Bucks a 19-18 lead with 4:57 left in the half, and Stuvland scored in the paint to make it a three-point lead

with 3:51 showing.

That was Pendleton's largest lead, though, and Churchill closed the half on a 7-1 run to take a 25-22 lead at halftime.

Pendleton scored the first four points of the third quarter to take its final lead at 26-25 on a shot in the paint by Jerome at the 5:40 mark.

Hoffman answered with a layup to regain the lead, and after a Morrell three-pointer made it 30-26, Wilson provided the highlight of the game when he leapt for an inbound pass and slammed it through the rim one-handed for a 32-26 lead with less than three minutes left in the third.

Pendleton finished the game shooting 17-for-41 (41.5 percent), but couldn't take advantage of some bonus free throws in the second half and went 8-of-17 at the line. Churchill was 20-of-38 (52.6 percent) from the field and 15-of-25 on free throws. Pendleton was trying for

its first win in a final-bracket opener since 1978. The last time the Bucks won a game of any kind at state was 1992.

Pendleton will try to end that streak today when it plays No. 6 Crescent Valley at 10:45 a.m. The Raiders were upset by No. 14 Parkrose 73-59 in their

quarterfinal game earlier on Tuesday.

Table with 5 columns: PHS, CHS, 11, 11, 10, 17, - 49, 18, 7, 13, 20, - 58. Includes text: PENDLETON — C. Smith 25, W. Morris 6, K. Curtis 5, T. Newsom 4, S. Jerome 4, J. Stuvland 3, R. Russell 1, J. Szumski 1, S. Machado, R. Scott. CHURCHILL — S. Hoffman 20, L. Wilson 15, C. Hall 10, D. Morrell 5, L. Schwin 5, Q. Warshafsky 3, C. Luna, C. Beam, B. Lopez, B. Blythe, E. Lewis. 3-pointers — PHS 7; CHS 3. Free throws — PHS 8-17; CHS 15-25. Fouls — PHS 19; CHS 14. Fouled out — D. Morrell (CHS).

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today Pendleton vs. Crescent Valley (5A consolation, at Gill Coliseum, Corvallis), 10:45 a.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday Shoreline at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m. Sunday Clackamas at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Friday Southwest Oregon at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.

Prep Scores

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday Class 5A Quarterfinals No. 1 Wilsonville 69, No. 8 South Albany 47 No. 5 La Salle Prep 54, No. 4 Summit 38 No. 14 Parkrose 73, No. 6 Crescent Valley 59 No. 2 Churchill 58, No. 7 Pendleton 49

Basketball

NBA

Table with 5 columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Eastern Conference: 1. Cleveland 42 20 .677 — 2. Boston 40 24 .625 3 3. Washington 37 24 .607 4 4. Toronto 37 26 .587 5 5. Atlanta 34 29 .540 8 6. Indiana 32 31 .508 10 7. Chicago 31 32 .492 11 8. Detroit 31 32 .492 11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with 5 columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Western Conference: 1. x-Golden State 52 11 .825 — 2. x-San Antonio 49 13 .790 2 3. Houston 40 20 .688 8 4. Utah 44 24 .625 12 5. L.A. Clippers 38 25 .603 14 6. Memphis 36 28 .563 16 7. Oklahoma City 35 29 .547 17 8. Denver 29 34 .460 23

Table with 5 columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Portland 27 35 .435 24 1/2 Dallas 27 36 .429 25 Minnesota 25 37 .403 26 1/2 Sacramento 25 38 .397 27 New Orleans 25 39 .391 27 1/2 Phoenix 21 43 .333 31 L.A. Lakers 19 45 .297 33 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Games

Portland 126, Oklahoma City 121 Dallas 122, L.A. Lakers 111 Washington 131, Phoenix 127 Today's Games Chicago at Orlando, 4 p.m. Brooklyn at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m. Charlotte at Miami, 4:30 p.m. Detroit at Indiana, 5 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 5 p.m. New York at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. Toronto at New Orleans, 5 p.m. Utah at Houston, 5 p.m. Sacramento at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m. Washington at Denver, 6 p.m. Boston at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA

Men's Top 25 Through March 5

Table with 5 columns: Record, Pts, Prv. 1. Kansas (59) 28-3 1619 1 2. Villanova (2) 28-3 1517 2 3. UCLA (3) 28-3 1487 3 4. Gonzaga (1) 30-1 1430 4 5. Oregon 27-4 1364 6 6. North Carolina 26-6 1291 5 7. Arizona 27-4 1252 7 8. Kentucky 26-5 1182 9 9. Baylor 25-6 1084 11 10. Louisville 24-7 1047 8 11. West Virginia 24-7 958 10 12. SMU 27-4 849 14 13. Purdue 25-6 839 16 14. Duke 23-8 667 17 15. Cincinnati 27-4 634 18 16. Florida State 24-7 631 15 17. Florida 24-7 617 12 18. Butler 23-7 538 13 19. Saint Mary's 27-3 456 20 20. Wichita State 30-4 401 21 21. Virginia 21-9 400 23 22. Notre Dame 23-8 394 19 23. Iowa State 20-10 147 24 24. Wisconsin 23-8 139 22 25. Maryland 24-7 47 — Others receiving votes: Middle Tennessee 28, Oklahoma State 23, Minnesota 22, Michigan 16, Dayton 11, Seton Hall 9, Southern Cal 6, Providence 5, Vermont 3, Arkansas 2, Miami 2, VCU 2, Wake Forest 2, Creighton 1, Michigan State 1, Princeton 1, UNC Wilmington 1.

Tuesday's Games

No. 4 Gonzaga 74, No. 19 Saint Mary's 56

Today's Games

No. 14 Duke vs. Clemson (ACC Tournament, at the Barclays Center), 11:30 a.m. No. 21 Virginia vs. Pittsburgh (ACC Tournament, at the Barclays Center), 6:30 p.m. Thursday's Games No. 1 Kansas vs. TCU or Oklahoma at the Sprint Center, Kansas City, Mo., Noon No. 2 Villanova vs. St. John's or Georgetown at Madison Square Garden, 9 a.m. No. 3 UCLA vs. Southern Cal or Washington at MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, 8:30 p.m. No. 5 Oregon vs. Arizona State or Stanford at MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las

Vegas, Noon

Friday's Games

Portland 88, No. 17 DePaul 78 No. 20 Drake vs. Indiana State or Illinois State at iWireless Center, Moline, Ill., 10 a.m. Rest of schedule TBD

Friday's Games

No. 8 Kentucky vs. Georgia or Tennessee at Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn., 10 a.m. No. 12 SMU vs. Temple or East Carolina at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 9 a.m. No. 13 Purdue vs. Michigan or Illinois at the Verizon Center, 9 a.m. No. 15 Cincinnati vs. Tulsa or Tulane at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 4 p.m. No. 17 Florida vs. Vanderbilt or Texas A&M at Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn., 4 p.m. No. 24 Wisconsin vs. Iowa or Indiana at the Verizon Center, 3:30 p.m. No. 25 Maryland in Big Ten quarterfinals at the Verizon Center, 5:55 p.m. Remainder of schedule TBD

Women's Top 25 Through March 5

Table with 5 columns: Record, Pts, Prv. 1. UConn (33) 31-0 825 1 2. Baylor 30-2 782 2 3. Notre Dame 30-3 763 3 4. South Carolina 27-4 711 5 5. Maryland 30-2 708 4 6. Stanford 28-5 639 10 7. Mississippi St. 29-4 621 6 8. Oregon St. 29-4 595 6 9. Duke 27-5 512 13 10. Florida St. 25-6 487 9 11. Ohio St. 26-6 508 8 12. Washington 27-5 470 11 13. Louisville 27-7 438 14 14. Texas 23-8 417 12 15. UCLA 23-8 361 15 16. Miami 23-8 354 16 17. DePaul 25-6 275 18 18. NC State 22-8 261 17 19. Kentucky 21-10 211 20 20. Drake 25-4 169 22 21. Syracuse 22-10 158 21 22. Oklahoma 22-9 128 19 23. Creighton 23-6 77 - 24. Kansas St. 22-10 54 24 25. Missouri 21-10 42 23 Others receiving votes: South Florida 35, Temple 31, West Virginia 31, Belmont 29, Texas A&M 8, Green Bay 5, Michigan 4, Tennessee 4, Purdue 4, Ark. Little Rock 3, Dayton 3, Western Kentucky 1, Arizona

St. 1.

Tuesday's Games

Marquette 88, No. 17 DePaul 78 Friday's Game No. 20 Drake vs. Indiana State or Illinois State at iWireless Center, Moline, Ill., 10 a.m. Rest of schedule TBD

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with 7 columns: GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Montreal 67 38 21 8 84 185 166 Ottawa 64 22 22 6 78 170 167 Boston 66 34 26 6 74 182 174 Toronto 65 29 22 4 72 197 195 Tampa Bay 65 30 26 9 69 179 181 Florida 65 29 25 11 69 162 183 Buffalo 67 27 28 12 66 169 196 Detroit 64 25 28 11 61 160 190

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with 7 columns: GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Washington 65 44 14 7 95 212 139 Columbus 65 42 17 6 90 207 149 Nashville 66 34 24 10 74 195 188 N.Y. Rangers 67 43 22 2 88 216 175 N.Y. Islanders 65 31 23 11 73 192 194 Philadelphia 65 31 26 8 70 170 193 Carolina 63 26 27 10 62 156 183 New Jersey 66 25 29 12 62 147 189

Central Division

Table with 7 columns: GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Minnesota 64 42 16 6 90 213 151 Chicago 65 42 18 5 89 198 164 Nashville 66 34 24 10 74 195 188 St. Louis 65 33 27 5 71 178 183 Winnipeg 67 30 31 6 66 200 209 Dallas 66 27 29 10 64 186 211 Colorado 65 18 44 3 39 126 215

Pacific Division

Table with 7 columns: GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. San Jose 65 39 19 7 85 180 152 Edmonton 66 35 23 8 78 188 174 Anaheim 66 34 22 10 78 172 168 Calgary 66 36 26 4 76 179 182 Los Angeles 65 31 29 6 63 161 164 Vancouver 66 28 31 7 64 153 188 Arizona 65 23 35 7 53 157 210 NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games

Columbus 2, New Jersey 0 N.Y. Rangers 5, Florida 2 Toronto 3, Detroit 2 Philadelphia 6, Buffalo 3 St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1 Colorado 3, Carolina 1 N.Y. Islanders 4, Edmonton 1 Anaheim 4, Nashville 3, OT Montreal 2, Vancouver 1, OT Today's Games Detroit at Boston, 5 p.m. Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 5 p.m. Ottawa at Dallas, 5 p.m. Thursday's Games N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 4:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.

Baseball

World Baseball Classic

FIRST ROUND Round Robin Pool A At Gocheok Sky Dome Seoul, South Korea

Table with 5 columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Israel 2 0 1.000 — Taiwan 0 1 0.000 1/2 Netherlands 1 0 1.000 1/2 South Korea 0 2 0.000 2

Monday's Game

Israel 2, South Korea 1, 10 innings

Tuesday's Games

Israel 15, Taiwan 7 Netherlands 5, South Korea 0

Wednesday's Game

Taiwan vs. Netherlands, 2 a.m.

Pool B

At Tokyo Dome

Table with 5 columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Japan 1 0 1.000 — Cuba 1 1 500 1/2 Australia 0 0 0.000 1/2 China 0 1 0.000 1

Monday's Game

Japan 11, Cuba 6

Tuesday's Game

Cuba 6, China 0

Wednesday's Games

Australia vs. Japan, 2 a.m.

Thursday's Games

Australia vs. China, 2 a.m.

Pool C

At Marlins Park Miami

Table with 5 columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Canada 0 0 0.000 — Colombia 0 0 0.000 — Dominican Rep. 0 0 0.000 — United States 0 0 0.000 —

Thursday's Game

Canada vs. Dominican Republic, 3 p.m.

Friday's Game

Colombia vs. United States, 3 p.m.

Pool D

At Estadio Charros de Jalisco Guadalajara, Mexico

Table with 5 columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Italy 0 0 0.000 — Mexico 0 0 0.000 — Puerto Rico 0 0 0.000 — Venezuela 0 0 0.000 —

Thursday's Game

Italy vs. Mexico, 9 p.m.

Friday's Game

Puerto Rico vs. Venezuela, 9 p.m.

Golf

PGA Tour

Schedule March 9-12 — Valspar Champion, Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead), Palm Harbor, Fla. March 16-19 — Arnold Palmer Invitational, Bay Hill Golf Club and Lodge, Orlando, Fla. March 22-26 — WGC-Dell Match Play, Austin CC, Austin, Texas

LPGA

Schedule March 16-19 — Bank of Hope Founders Cup, JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa (Wildfire GC), Phoenix March 23-2