

MOUNTIES: Shot 50 percent after halftime

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the frame on a 22-11 run to tie the game at 62-62 at the 13:08 mark on a three by Travis Meeker, and then took its first lead of the game at 64-62 just 25 seconds later on a drive by Washington.

Over the final 8:55, the lead changed hands eight different times and the two teams tied it up another five times.

With 47 seconds to play, EOU found itself down 90-89 with McGriff at the free throw line. The senior missed the first, but came through on the second. EOU then got the ball with :12.5 to play, and on the in-bound worked to get the ball to Washington. Washington then worked his way to the bucket and tossed up a high lay-in off the top of the glass. The shot fell with :1.5 remaining.

IU Southeast missed on a half-court heave at the final buzzer to try and win the game and the Mountaineers



Photo courtesy of EOU Sports Information
Eastern Oregon's Bryan McGriff (22) goes to hoop against IU Southeast in the first round of the NAIA DII Men's Basketball Championships on Thursday at Keeter Gymnasium in Point Lookout, Missouri. Eastern Oregon won 92-90.

moved on to the round of 16. Eastern Oregon shot 50 percent for the second half (18-of-36) and sank 10 3s as well. McGriff had 25 of hits 33 points in the half. EOU will now play the

bracket's No. 1 seed Bethel (Ind.) today in the second round pairing at 3:45 p.m. at Keeter Gymnasium in Point Lookout, Missouri.

IUS 51 39 - 90

EOU 40 52 - 92
IU SOUTHEAST — J. Johnson 24, R. Sawyer 24, D. Stanton 17, J. Jackson 7, J. Ferree 6, C. Young 6, T. Landry 4, D. Lewis.
EASTERN OREGON — B. McGriff 33, K. Washington 20, M. McCullough 12, A. Strock 8, J. Christensen 6, T. Meeker 6, B. O'Donnell 4, A. Winegar 2, M. Hillman 1.
3-pointers — IUS 8, EOU 17. Free throws — IUS 16-26, EOU 9-15. Fouls — IUS 19, EOU 22.

BRIEFLY

Frostbite tourney tees off for scholarships

BOARDMAN — Rain, snow, sleet or hail, golfers are invited to tee-off during the Frostbite Golf Tournament.

A fundraiser for the Boardman Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund for Riverside High School students, the event is Saturday, April 1. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 9 a.m. at Willow Run Golf Course, 78873 Toms Camp Road, Boardman. The four-person scramble format also includes a longest drive, putting challenge and a team spirit award for dressing up and cart decorating.

The cost is \$60 per player. The cost includes green fees, lunch and six raffle tickets. In addition, players may purchase mulligans for \$5. There is a \$8 trail fee for golf carts. People must register by Monday, March 27.

For more information or to register, contact the Boardman chamber at 541-481-3014 or info@boardmanchamber.org.

— East Oregonian

EOU holds top-10 ranking in Directors' Cup standings

CLEVELAND — In the first set of the NAIA Learfield Directors' Cup winter standings, EOU athletics recorded a conference-best 356 points to notch eighth place, the National Association of Collegiate Directors of America (NACDA) announced on Thursday morning.

So far this winter, the Blue and Gold has accumulated 137 points thanks to strong finishes from indoor track & field (87 points) and men's wrestling (50 points). As mentioned above, EOU is the highest-ranked institution out of the Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC).

The Learfield Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between NACDA and USA Today.

DUCKS: Nearing school blocks record

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on to face the winner between California and Utah in the semifinals Friday night.

"I thought our defensive energy was pretty good," Oregon coach Dana Altman said. "They did get a couple good looks, but mostly those were pretty contested shots."

Arizona State (15-18) matched Oregon almost shot for shot in the first half before succumbing to the Ducks' length and pressure in the second.

Graham, a senior, had 32 points and made seven 3-pointers, but the rest of the Sun Devils' starters were a combined 5 for 30 from the floor.

"I don't really want to talk about points because we lost," Graham said. "I just want to talk about the team and the things that we can work on as a team or what they could do to move forward. I just try to help the young guys prepare themselves for next year."

The Ducks were co-champions of the Pac-12 with Arizona, earning the No. 1 seed in the tourney with their victory over the Wildcats in their lone meeting.

Arizona State had given Oregon all it could when it made the trip to Eugene, losing 71-70 in a game that had 15 lead changes and nine ties. The Sun Devils had just six turnovers in that game, but Brooks scored the final 12 points for the Ducks to earn the victory.

Arizona State needed to shoot well in the rematch to have a chance and did just that early on, scoring its first 12 points on 3-pointers. The Sun Devils continued to hang with the Ducks throughout the first half behind Graham, who was 4 of 6 from 3-point range and had 16 points.

Brooks had 11 for Oregon, which led 34-31 at halftime.

The Ducks gained a little separation to start the second half, opening with an 8-2 run.

Oregon got out to Graham much better and hounded the Sun Devils all over the floor, pushing the lead to 45-33 as Arizona State missed 12 of its first 13 shots.

The Sun Devils had one more run to get within eight, thanks to Graham, but Oregon gradually stretched the lead back out.

"We rebounded well. We got defensive stops and we're going to have to continue doing that throughout the tournament," Ennis said. "But overall I think we did a great job today."

BIG PICTURE

Oregon looked every bit the top seed



AP Photo/John Locher
Oregon's Chris Boucher, right, and Oregon's Tyler Dorsey, center, try to block a shot by Arizona State's Shannon Evans II during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 men's tournament Thursday, March 9, 2017, in Las Vegas.

in the conference and a potential No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament in the second half, overmatching the Sun Devils at both ends.

Arizona State will have to replace Graham and forward Obinna Oleka next season, but Hurley has a strong recruiting class coming in.

DUCK BLOCK PARTY

Oregon led the nation in blocked shots per game at 6.8 and is closing in on a couple of records.

The Ducks blocked four shots against Arizona State, giving them 216 this season. That's five from tying the school single-season record and eight from matching the Pac-12 record of 224, set by Washington in 2015-16.

GRAHAM'S TREYS

Graham's seven 3-pointers were the second most in Pac-12 Tournament history and most by an Arizona State player. He finished with 108 3-pointers this season, sixth most in Pac-12 history. UCLA's Bryce Alford is still active and has 104.

UP NEXT

Oregon faces the winner between Cal and Utah in Friday's semifinals.

NFL

Browns busy as free agency opens

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Browns found a "franchise quarterback," just maybe not their own.

And whoever winds up behind center in Cleveland will be well protected.

With an eye on making another move at quarterback, Cleveland acquired veteran Brock Osweiler and a 2018 second-round pick on Thursday in a stunning trade with the Houston Texans, who were looking for a partner to help them get rid of the QB's \$16 million guaranteed contract.

At first, the unusual trade was met with the usual, Browns-being-Browns skepticism.

However, the deal was made simply to give Cleveland more assets to perhaps trade for another QB such as New England backup

Jimmy Garoppolo, and it allows the Texans to clear some salary-cap space to make a run at a starter.

Cleveland, which also signed veteran wide receiver Kenny Britt to a deal, and Houston are also swapping 2017 fourth- and sixth-round picks.

The Browns spent liberally on the first day of the free agency signing period by landing former Cincinnati Bengals right guard Kevin Zeitler (five years, \$60 million), Green Bay center J.C. Tretter (three years, \$16.75 million) and giving left guard Joel Bitonio a five-year, \$51 million extension.

Those moves were followed by the swap with Houston, an out-of-the-box maneuver that could position the Browns to finally solve their decades-long quarterback issues.

Athlete of the Week

Twenty questions with Pendleton's Johnny Stuvland

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Pendleton senior Johnny Stuvland scored all six of Pendleton's points in the second overtime on March 3 to lift Pendleton over Corvallis and into the boys basketball 5A state quarterfinals. He finished that game with 17 points and 15 rebounds and has been named the East Oregonian Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 16-March 4, 2017.

EO: What has been your best moment as a Pendleton Buckaroo?

JS: When the buzzer sounded at the end of our playoff game a and we knew we were going to state. (Pendleton beat Corvallis 69-67 in double overtime.)

What is the first sport you played?

Soccer, from fifth grade to high school.

What is your favorite sport?

Track

Who is your favorite athlete?

Brandon Ingram (LA Lakers)

If you could attend any sporting event what would you choose?

The Olympics

What is your favorite school subject?

Science/Biology

What is the most interesting thing you've learned this year?

We dissected a squid just before we left (for state).

What is the best thing

served in the PHS cafeteria?

I try not to go to the Pendleton cafeteria.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I plan on attending Oregon State and majoring in biology.

What is the best thing about living in Pendleton?

I think it's just the small town atmosphere. Just knowing that everybody knows everybody and you feel at home every place you go.

Where is your favorite place in Oregon?

Portland

What is your favorite restaurant?

Buffalo Wild Wings

What are your hobbies?

Camping, video games, hanging out with friends.

What's your favorite video game?

"NBA 2K17"

Do you have any pets?

A dog and a few sheep.

What's your favorite movie?

"The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (2001)

What's the last book you read?

"Beowulf"

What's the grossest thing you ever ate?

Pickled fish

What's the first job you had?

I haven't had one yet just because of sports.

If you could choose a super power, what would it be?

Ability to read minds, no wait, invisibility.

SCOREBOARD

Correction

The Eastern Oregon women play Dakota Wesleyan in the second round of the NAIA DII National Championships Friday (today) at 11:45 a.m. Incorrect information appeared in the article "EOU pushes past Dickinson St." in the March 9 edition.

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today
Pendleton vs. Summit (Class 5A 4th/6th place game, at Gill Coliseum, Corvallis), 10:45 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
No. 4 Eastern Oregon vs. No. 1 Bethel (Ind.) (NAIA Championships Second Round at Point Lookout, Mo.), 3:45 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
No. 3 Eastern Oregon vs. No. 2 Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) (NAIA Championships Second Round at Sioux City, Ia.), 11:45 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

Today
Southwest Oregon at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Sunday
Eastern Oregon at Northwest Christian (DH), 1/3 p.m.

Monday

Eastern Oregon at Northwest Christian (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

Prep Scores

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday
Class 6A Consolation
No. 9 Grant 52, No. 5 Westview 45
No. 8 West Salem 62, No. 7 North Medford 58

Class 5A Semifinals
No. 1 Wilsonville 49, No. 5 La Salle Prep 47
No. 2 Churchill 83, No. 14 Parkrose 66

Class 4A Quarterfinals
No. 1 Seaside 46, No. 8 Gladstone 43
No. 5 North Bend 61, No. 4 Philomath 51
No. 3 Valley Catholic 68, No. 6 Henley 50
No. 16 Tillamook 72, No. 10 Banks 70

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday
Class 6A Quarterfinals
No. 1 Southridge 82, No. 25 St. Mary's Academy 42

No. 6 Oregon City 56, No. 3 Clackamas 37
No. 4 Grant 56, No. 5 South Medford 45
No. 2 South Salem 55, No. 10 Sunset 48

Class 5A Semifinals
No. 1 La Salle Prep 56, No. 5 Bend 44
No. 3 Silverton 37, No. 2 Corvallis 34, 3OT

Class 5A Consolation
No. 4 Marist Catholic 62, No. 9 Putnam 39
No. 7 Crater 63, No. 6 Hillsboro 30

Class 4A Quarterfinals
No. 9 Seaside 47, No. 1 Cascade 42
No. 5 Sutherlin 42, No. 4 Mazama 35
No. 2 Banks 54, No. 7 North Marion 44
No. 3 Marshfield 53, No. 6 Baker 35

Basketball

NBA

Thursday's Games
Detroit 106, Cleveland 101
L.A. Clippers 114, Memphis 98
Oklahoma City 102, San Antonio 92
Portland 114, Philadelphia 108, OT
L.A. Lakers 122, Phoenix 110

Today's Games
Orlando at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA

Men's Top 25
Thursday's Games
TCU 85, No. 1 Kansas 82
No. 2 Villanova 108, St. John's 67
No. 3 UCLA 76, USC 74

No. 5 Oregon 80, Arizona State 57
No. 6 North Carolina 78, Miami 53
No. 7 Arizona 92, Colorado 78
Kansas State 70, No. 9 Baylor 64
No. 11 West Virginia 62, Texas 53

No. 14 Duke 81, No. 10 Louisville 77
No. 16 Florida State 74, Virginia Tech 68
Xavier 62, No. 18 Butler 57
No. 22 Notre Dame 71, No. 21 Virginia 58
No. 23 Iowa State 92, Oklahoma State 83

Today's Games
No. 2 Villanova vs. Seton Hall (Big East Semifinals), 3:30 p.m. (FS1)
No. 3 UCLA vs. No. 7 Arizona (Pac-12 Semifinals), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 5 Oregon vs. California (Pac-12 Semifinals), 6 p.m.

No. 6 North Carolina vs. No. 14 Duke (ACC Semifinals), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 7 Arizona vs. UCLA or USC (Pac-12 Semifinals), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 8 Kentucky vs. Georgia (SEC Quarterfinals), 10 a.m.
No. 11 West Virginia vs. Kansas State (Big 12 Semifinals),
No. 12 SMU vs. East Carolina (AAC Quarterfinals), 9 a.m. (ESPN2)
No. 13 Purdue vs. Michigan (Big 10 Quarterfinals), 9 a.m. (ESPN)
No. 15 Cincinnati vs. Tulsa (AAC Quarterfinals), 4 p.m.
No. 16 Florida State vs. No. 22 Notre Dame (ACC Semifinals), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 17 Florida vs. Vanderbilt (SEC Quarterfinals), 4 p.m.
No. 24 Wisconsin vs. Indiana (Big 10 Quarterfinals), 3:30 p.m.
No. 23 Iowa State vs. TCU (Big 12 Semifinals), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)
No. 25 Maryland vs. Northwestern (Big 10 Quarterfinals), 5:55 p.m.

Women's Top 25
Today's Game
No. 20 Drake vs. Illinois State (at iWireless Center, Moline, Ill.), 10 a.m.

Hockey

NHL

Thursday's Games
Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 2
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 1, Chicago 0
Colorado 3, New Jersey 2
Calgary 5, Montreal 0
Ottawa 3, Arizona 2, OT
N.Y. Islanders 4, Vancouver 3, OT
Los Angeles 3, Nashville 2, OT
San Jose 4, Washington 2

Friday's Games
Buffalo at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 6 p.m.

Baseball

World Baseball Classic

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

W L Pct GB
x-Israel 3 01.000 —
x-Israeli 2 1.667 1

South Korea 1 2 .333 3
Taiwan 0 3 .000 2
x-advanced to second round

Thursday's Games

Israel 4, Netherlands 2
Korea 11, Taiwan 8

Pool B

At Tokyo Dome

W L Pct GB
x-Japan 2 01.000 —
Cuba 1 1 .000 1
Australia 1 1 .500 1
China 0 2 .000 2
x-advanced to second round

Thursday's Games

Australia 11, China 0
Australia vs. Cuba, late finish
Today's Games
China vs. Japan, 2 a.m.

Pool C

At Marlins Park, Miami

W L Pct GB
Dominican Rep. 1 01.000 —
Columbia 0 00.000 —
United States 0 00.000 —
Canada 0 10.000 1

Thursday's Game

Dominican Republic 9, Canada 2
Today's Game
Columbia vs. United States, 3 p.m.

Pool D

At Estadio Charros de Jalisco Guadalajara, Mexico

W L Pct GB
Italy 0 00.000 —
Mexico 0 00.000 —
Puerto Rico 0 00.000 —
Venezuela 0 00.000 —

Golf

PGA Tour
Valspar Championship
Thursday
At Innisbrook Golf Resort (Copperhead Course) Palm Harbor, Fla.; Purse: \$6.3 million; Yardage: 7,340; Par: 71 (36-35)

First Round
Jim Herman 32-30—62 -9
Russell Henley 34-30—64 -7
Henrik Stenson 33-31—64 -7
James Hahn 33-32—65 -6

ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK

Johnny Stuvland

Pendleton Senior Basketball

Stuvland had a big game in Pendleton's first round playoff game against Corvallis on Mar. 3, when he scored 17 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. He scored all six of Pendleton's points in the second overtime and the Buckaroos hung on for a 69-67 2OT win to advance to the 5A state tournament.

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